'Syrians shot down Turkish plane'

ANKARA (R) — Two Syries MiG-21 jets shot down a Turkish survey plane Saturday 20 kilometres inside Turkish territory, a Turkish Foreign Ministry statement said. The semi-official Anatolian news agency previous Ministry statement said. The semi-official Anatolian news agency previously reported that five people died when the Turkish civilian plane crashed. The Foreign Himistry statement said the twin-propeller survey plane councedows. In Hatry province at about 10 a.m. (6600 GMT). "The Syrian ambassador was summoned and the incident was severely protested. Turkey's rights are 'reserved, damages were demanded and a detailed explosy's rights are 'reserved, damages were demanded and a detailed explosion is expected without delay," the Turkish foreign ambassador hat a detailed that are the syrian alternation had. Hatry Governor Haneff Demirkol told Anatolian the Syrian alternation had. Turkish also more hefore planes penetrated up to 30 kilometres into Turkich air space before returning to hose. Ten cartridge cases, each 12 cm long, were found near the wreckings of the plane, Densirkol added. The plane was one of two flying from nearby Adama to photograph forests in Hatsy province, said Hallan Corbell, head of the Turkich Deeds and Cadastral Survey Department.



Red Cross asks Arafat's help

GENEVA (R) — The International Red Cross has asked Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to help fire two Swiss employees held hostage in Lebanon, a Red Cross spokesman said Saturday. Andre Pasquier, special cavoy for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), flew to Tunis Friday to deliver a letter to Arafat from its president, Cornelio Sommaruga. Gaumen scized Emmanuel Christen, 32, and Elio Erriquez, 23, at the entrance to the Palestinian refugee camp of 'Ain Al Hilweh near the southern Lebanese port of Siden Oct. 6. "In Siden his (Arafat's) presence is quite important, especially in 'Ain Al Hilweh," ICRC delegate who was taken hostage in Siden. Peter Winder, was freed after Arafat's intervention. It was not Siden, Peter Winkler, was freed after Arafat's intervention. It was not known if Arafut would be able to influence the still unidentified kidnap of Christen and Erriquez. Benverd said the ICRC had also asked the Syrian and Libyan governments to help free the hostages.

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Gazans

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — Palestinians in the

occupied territories observed a

general strike Saturday to press

demands for independence and

clashed with Israeli troops, leav-

ing at least 11 Palestinians

The Israeli military command

reported that two Palestinian

boys died overnight of wounds

suffered in earlier clashes with

Traffic throughout the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza Strip

came to a halt and shops and

businesses were closed following

strike calls from the underground

leadership of the 22-month

election plan and press demands

for an independent Palestinian

Israel offers elections in the occupied territories to choose

Palestinian representatives for

negotiations on a limited auton-

omy. The Palestine Liberation

Organisation's (PLO) has re-

Demonstrations erupted Satur-

day in Nablus, the largest town in

the West Bank, and the neigh-

bouring Balata refugee camp. Hospital officials in Nablus said

they treated five wounded shot by

The wounded in Nablus in-

ciuded a 65-year-old man. Repor-

ters said he was shot by accident

after Israeli soldiers opened fire

In Qalqilya, paramilitary police

driving a van with West Bank

license plates were met by a

dozen of masked protesters who

jected the proposal.

Israeli troops.

The uprising leaders said in a leaflet that Saturday's strike was to stress rejection "of all conspiracy schemes" like Israel's

Palestinian revolt.

wounded, reports said.

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Elections will be free from constraints — King

from any constraints and Jordan is confident of its citizens' awareness to choose whomever they find suitable to represent them in the new parliament, His Majesty King Hussein has said.

"Jordan belongs to the Arab nation," said the King in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) broadcast late Friday. "All Jordanians have the same rights, duties and responsibilities, and there is no differentiation between one Jordanian and another," be said.

In reply to a question on Islamic fundamentalism and trends in Jordan and their role in elections, the King said: "Religion should

LONDON (Agencies) — The not be an avenue to power or to Nov. 8 elections to the Lower House of Parliament will be free mic state, but we live in the state as one family consisting of Mus-lims and Christians and will not compromise our national unity."

The King referred to Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak's efforts to initiate a dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis and said the Egyptian leader had tried his best in the effort, which was aimed at paving the way for an international conference on the Middle East.

the Arab-Israeli conflict without c a state visit to Canada. Israel relinquishing occupied Arab lands. "I believe that the issue cannot be resolved without Palestinian-Israeli dialogue and versity.

tion," he said. "The Arab World will extend all support to and bless whatever is accepted by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO)."

The King also reiterated Jordan's position that it will not negotiate on behalf of the Palestinians. "The Palestinian side has to play its role in full and determine its position on the future of the Palestinian cause and rights,"

The King also reaffirmed that a The King is currently on a visit there could not be a solution to to England on his way back from

On Thursday evening, be delivered a lecture on the Middle East situation at Oxford Uni-

Lebanese rightist MPs debate compromise

TAIF, Saudi Arabia (Agencies) - Lebanon's Christian deputies, stalled in peace talks with their Muslim counterparts, met Saturday to discuss fresh proposals intended to break the deadlock.

The new points, amending an Arab League peace plan unveiled in May, were negotiated in Damascus between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Sand Al Faisal.

"These are the proposals in their final form and we are awaiting your response. We hope it will be positive," Prince Sand told the Christian deputies.

But, the new proposals were said to have been deemed as e by Leb chief Michel Aoun.

The new proposals are a trap aimed at perpetuating Syrian control, a source close to Aoun said. This solution, as it is being

prepared, is a trap to all Lebanese regardless of their sects because it is nothing more than submission to the Syrian will under cover of solving the Lebanese crisis," said the source, quoted by Reuters.

The source said reports of a possible breakthrough in Taif were intended to create "optimistic illusion" as part of the trap. Syrian acceptance of the draft plan apparently opened the way for the final session Sunday of the marathon Taif conference, said

sources quoted by AP. Christian deputies went into closed door consultations to prepare their response to the compromise proposals accepteed by Syria in talks this week with Saud that be bad described as

"fruitfel." Conference sources said the Christian deputies were were also in close touch with Aoun and

smashes into

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(AP) - A Honduran Boeing

727 carrying 137 people

gion just south of Tegocigaire

early Saturday, officials said.
Radio HRN, a privately
eward station, said 40 bodies

had been recovered from the

site, about 40 kilometres south

of the capital, and another 20

injured had been rescued about

Red Cross volunteers and

firelighters said rescue workers

were still searching the wreck-

nce. Earlier Red Cross reports

of 60 merivors were erroneous,

although the first figure was

A Subsu Airline employee

said on condition of not being

identified there were 129 pas-

sengers and eight crew mem-bers on board the plane. Ear-lier, officials had said there was

Radio stations were broad-casting bulletins from hospitals regently saking for donations of paintifliers, antibiotics and

a total of 143.

four hours after the crash.

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other hardline leaders in Beirut. Aoun's insistence on a quick, guaranteed timetable for the pullout of Syria's estimated 40,000 troops from Lebanon has stalled

the vote on a political formula. No precise details of what was agreed on in the Damascus werereleased.

But conference sources have said Syria accepted the idea that its troops pull out of a kilometreradius "security zone" around the Lebanese parliament before it meets in formal sessions to approve political changes and elect-a new president.

The Syrians would be replaced by Lebanese police backed by Algerian and Moroccan obser-

Whether Syria accepted the Christian demand that the Syrian presence in the Bakaa does not exceed one year remained un-clear. The original proposal made by the Arab League mediating committee outlined a two-year phased withdrawal of Syrian

Conference sources said Syria has refused a specified timetable for the Bekaa withdrawal, instead proposing it be worked out by a joint Syrian-Lebanese military committee.

Conference sources said there were also minor changes in legalistic terms in the formulation of the draft that the Christians

In exchange for their demands; the Christians have agreed that the number of seats in parliament will be apped from 99 to 128, with an equal number of Muslims and Christians. This was included in the original league proposal, but the Christians had reduced it to 108 seats.

The current parliament, with only 73 surviving members from

the last elections in 1972, was formed under the six to five advantage for Christians throughout the government agreed on an independence in 1943.

The conference sources said that the new agreements would be included in separate amendments to the draft peace plan already formulated.

Conference sources said the mediators were confident that the Christians would find the Syrian stance acceptable.

The sources said that the Christian deputies at the meeting with Prince Saud were "80 per cent satisfied" with what was relayed to them from Damascus,. and that the final reply which depended on the contacts with Beirut was expected to be positive.

Conference observers said Sandi Arabia, by letting it known that King Fahd was preparing to come to a final session Sunday, were trying to head off any harangoing that might capsize the hard

fought agreement.
The 63 Christian and Muslim deputies have been in Taif since

Sept. 30.

The sources quoted Prince Sand as telling the Christian deputies that what he got from Damascus was the "maximum" that Syria was prepared to agree

Christian deputies themselves refused to comment to reporters, saying they had first to "properly study" what was relayed from

Damascus. Muslim deputies on the other hand appeared to have no besitation in accepting what was agreed upon in Damascus, with Jamil Kubi, a respected elderly deputy, saying "each party got a prize and Lebanon got the best prize."

ANC plans first legal march in 29 years wife, Albertina, 72.

SOWETO, South Africa (Agencies) — The government has agreed to allow the first African National Congress (ANC) rally in 29 years, and activists said Saturday that newly freed black leaders would address the nation at

the gathering. The rally was scheduled for Oct. 29. It would be the first rally by ANC leaders since the group was banned in 1960, a year before the organisation's military wing was formed by Nelson Mandela and six of the seven ANC figures freed from prison last Sunday.

"Apart from being a welcoming party, the rally is going to be an occasion at which our leaders will be making a major address to the nation on a whole range of issues," National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) Secretary-

General Cyril Ramaphosa said. He spoke at a news conference near the home of senior ANC leader Walter Sisulu. The black, green, and gold ANC flag - legal but seldom tolerated by police flew from a pole above Sisulu's

roof. Sisuln and some of the other freed prisoners met Saturday with Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tom at an impromptu birthday celebration for Sisulu's activist

Ramaphosa said the National Reception Committee had not actually sought government per-mission for the rally, to be held in a new soccer stadium near

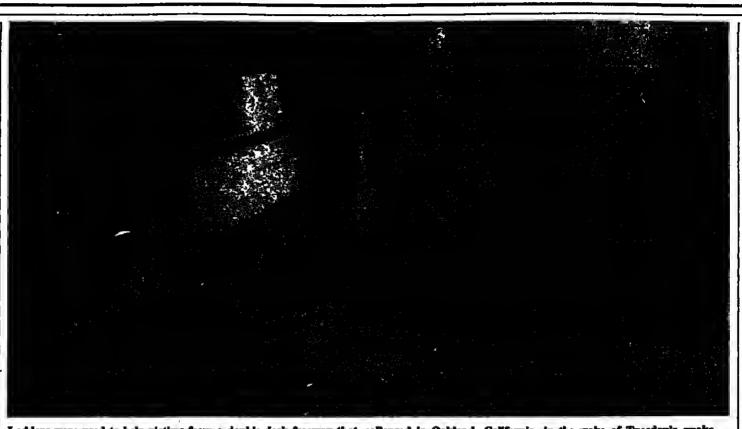
But letters had been sent to de Klerk, the minister of justice and the chief magistrate of Johannesburg informing them of the plans.

The Department of Justice issued a statement late Friday night saying an application to hold the meeting had been approved by the chief magistrate. Ramaphosa, informed during the news conference of the gov-ernment approval, said, "they approved it because they knew we would give them trouble if they didn't."

President F.W. de Klerk said Seturday that South Africa wanted to lift its three-year-old state of emergency but only if this did not lead to fresh violence.

In his first speech since Pre-toria freed the ANC last Sunday, de Klerk restated his call for opposition groups to renounce

A nationwide state of emergency has been in force since June 1986 to curb a black revolt which killed thousands.



adders were used to help victims from a double-deck freeway that collapsed in Oakland, California, in the wake of Tuesday's quake

Baker said about to dump initiative

Rains, winds, freezing temperatures add to woes of quake-hit California

SAN FRANCISCO (Agencies) - Rain, winds and colder temperatures were expected to fill shelters for the homeless, slow recovery work and possibly even touch off further landshides this weekend across earthquakeshaken northern California. "Right now, we're gearing up

for a large infinx of people," said Matt McLaughlin, a relief coordinator in Santa Cruz County, where an estimated 10,000 residents have been displaced and some have been sleeping outside. At the fallen stretch of double-

deck Interstate 880 in Oakland. the effort to recover bodies was suspended Friday night after workers felt the roadway shake. High winds were a contributing factor, a spokesman said. Work to shore up the collapsed

the night — unless nature inflicts further hardship on the area. The National Weather Service said light rain showers were moving through the bay area Satur-

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State James

Baker is close to acknowledging

that his Middle East peace initia-

tive is dead, according to a senior administration official.

The official, who spoke on

condition that he remain anony-

mous, said Baker had considered

publishing the text of his five-

point formula Friday but had

The Baker proposal seeks to

pave the way for Israeli-Palesti-

nian dialogue on elections in the Israeli-occupied territories.

The State Department has said

repeatedly that Baker would only

publish the text if the blueprint

was accepted by the parties in-

volved or if it became clear that

getting very close to the point where he dumps them (the five

points) out," said the official.
"He considered dumping them

out (Friday)... he's not going to

pursue this from here to eterni-

"In my personal opinion, he's

the initiative had failed.

ty," the official added.

decided against it.

highway was to continue through

through the night. A second system Sunday would bring heavier rain, forecaster Daryl Williams On Friday, state officials raised the estimate of damage from

day, and were to continue

Tuesday's killer quake to \$5.5 billion, and coroners reported a total of 55 bodies had been recovered. So far, 34 bodies have been

uncovered in the freeway rubble. Meanwhile, California faced with the tangled wreckage of houses and highways are questioning why at least 55 people died in the earthquake that had been widely expected.

"Now that we are a little less preoccupied with the immediate emergency we are questioning why we allowed bureaucratic bungling and political log-rolling to make us this vulnerable to a disaster we saw coming for nearly a century," said Bob Sodlegran, a resident of the devastated Marina district of San Francisco.

of Baker's exasperation at his

failure to persuade Israel to

accept the points. It came two days after the State Department

publicly rebuked Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Shamir for mak-

ing comments it termed "unhelp-

State Department spokes-

woman Margaret Tutwiler said Baker believed that "there may a

possibility for progress, but it is

certainly not a probability. That

She said Baker spoke with Sha-

mir on the telephone on Thurs-day evening and with the Egyp-

tian and Israeli foreign ministers

"If the parties in the area... do

not have the will to overcome

their political constraints we can-

not produce progress by

Israel objects to two of the five

points — that the proposed

Palestinian delegation contain

leaders expelled by the Israelis

from the occupied territories and

that the talks could include issues

ourselves," Tutwiler said.

ful" to the peace process.

remains his view today."

At one time, authorities estimated as many as 250 people were killed when the highway collapsed.

Engineers now say the construction techniques for the highway, built in the 1950s, had been questioned for more than 20 years and that as late as 1975 state inspectors were aware that it would not withstand a severe shaking.

The danger of collapse was so well known that a popular bum-per sticker in Oakland read: "Pray for me, I ride the Nimitz freeway.

In San Francisco, most of the damage occurred in the smart Marina neighbourhood, which was built on landfill despite scientific evidence that this kind of foundation was extremely dangerous in a strong earth-

"I for one, will demand that we stop settling for shoddy construction and poor judgment because a lot of people died who didn't

U.S. help in drawing Palestinians

Shamir, in a letter to Baker

delivered Wednesday, urged the administration to help overcome

"intimidation" keeping Palesti-mans on the West Bank and Gaza

from participating in the prime minister's proposal for elections,

sources quoted by the AP said.

to enlist Arab governments to

join with Egypt in trying to implement the elections proposal, the

Shamir thanked Baker in the

letter for his efforts to implement

The letter was not made public,

but diplomatic sources disclosed

Shamir elaborated in it on his

refusal to negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO) and on his election

proposal and urged Baker to seek

support for Egypt from Arab

asked the Bush administration to

Also, the sources said, Shamir

the election proposal.

Shamir also asked Baker to try

into negotiations.

sources said.

countries.

have to," said Carlos Castaneda, a volunteer worker at a Red Cross shelter.

More than 2,000 small and medium-strength aftersbocks have been recorded since Tuesday's earthquake, which measured 6.9 on the open-ended Richter scale.

David Schwartz, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, said scientists were monitoring the aftershocks. "By studying them, we can see how the fault is growing and

whether or not other faults are getting involved in the zone of activity," Schwartz said. President George Bush Friday

visited the collapsed highway. Bush also was struck by what he saw as he toured ravaged areas to offer sympathy, aid and a pledge of no bureaucratic red-

T am deeply moved by this, saddened in some ways, yet very stimulated by this team effort, the president said.

After all, Shamir reasoned, the

Palestinians in the occupied terri-

tories are the ones who would

vote, negotiate and ultimately

live under the arrangement work-

Baker took off for a long

Before he left, a senior U.S.

official said Baker was "not going

to pursue (his initiative) from here to eternity." Also, the offi-

cial told reporters after deman-

ding anonymity, Baker was giving the problem "100 per cent but

there could be a limit to how long

The State Department offered

assurances Thursday it was not

trying to pressure Israel into talk-

ing to the PLO.

Baker "wants to make sure he

leaves to reach a solution. But

when you get to the point where

you've done 100 per cent of what

you can do, you could turn your

attention away to other parts of

weekend at his ranch in Wyoming

Bank and in Gaza.

ed out with Israel.

you continue."

Shamir Friday appealed for Palestinian leaders on the West

hurled rocks at the vehicle, think ing it was a local car violating the strike. Arab reports said. The van reportedlay crashed

at two wanted men.

into a wall and at least one officer was injured. An army spokesman denied the report but confirmed that a police officer was lightly injured

in a stone-throwing incident in Qalqilya. Clashes were also reported in

the occupied Gaza Strip, and hospital officials said they treated six wounded. At the Gaza Strip refugee

camp of Khan Yunis, doctors said they treated Timraz Mohammad Timraz, 22, who was stabbed in the head and the hand Friday, and bis 19-year-old sister Shahenaz, who was shot in the

Arab journalists said the two were attacked by masked assailants who suspected them of

collaborating with Israel.

Meanwhile, the army command said a 17-year-old boy from Khan Yunis died at an Israeli hospital late Friday. It said the boy, identified by reporters as Ivad Al Asi, was shot by troops on Friday.

At another hospital, 18-yearold Nidal Hajaij of Gaza City died Saturday of a head wound suffered in a clash with soldiers earlier this month, the army said. Police Commissioner David

Krauss, meanwhile, said the policy of granting permits to Palestinian workers to spend the night in Tel Aviv would be re-evaluated. Thousands of Palestinian workers travel each morning to Tel Aviv but need a special permit to stay during the night.

discuss the election plan with the world," the official said. It was the strongest expression other than the elections. Gorbachev tells Krenz to strengthen socialism

EAST BERLIN (R) - Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev gave his backing to new East German leader Egon Krenz Saturday as authorities grappled with a fresh wave of demonstrations for democracy.

In their first conversation since Krenz became Communist Party chief last Wednesday, Gorbachev congratulated him on his appointment and said the most important thing was to strengthen East Germany's socialist system, the official news agency ADN said.

The agency did not say who initiated the call but said Gorbachev invited Krenz to visit Moscow soon. The 52-year-old former security chief is expected to go shortly after being nominated head of state by parliament next Tuesday.

ADN said Krenz told Gorbachev the visit would enable him to tell the Kremlin about "the policy of renewal and contimuity in East Germany."

Krenz, appointed after 18 years of rigid rule by Erich Honecker, has promised to open a dialogue between the authorities and people to end East Germany's worst innest since a 1953 workers' uprising which Soviet tanks suppressed.

In the latest demonstration. tens of thousands marched in silence with candles through the

southern city of Dresden to support more democracy and civil rights, challenging Krenz to live up to his promises.

ADN estimated the Dresden crowd at 20,000, though witnesses said it was more than twice that size. Police did nto intervene, even though the march was in theory illegal.

Local newspapers also reported demonstrations Thursday in the Baltic port of Rostock and in Zittau, a southern town near the border with Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Authorities have also faced a crisis with this year's departure to the West of about 120,000 of East Germany's 16.6 million

Some 60,000 bave fled through Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia since Sept. 11, when reformist Hungary threw open its border with Austria.

The official newspaper Berliner Zeitning said Saturday the exodus — the largest since East Germany built the Berlin Wall in 1961 - would cost about 10 billion marks (\$5.5 billion) in lost national income.

The Communist Party newspaper Neues Deutschland said the government was preparing a law which would make it easier for East Germans to

travel abroad by removing the obligation to give a reason for wanting to visit the West.

"There is no doubt that it will meet the expectations of those many people who are saving. we want to cooperate in improving things for our country and its citizens, but we would like to see just once Vienna or Paris or Munich or Stockholm, and we would come back to the homeland with interesting impressions from such a trip.'

Neues Deutschland said however, that East Germany did not have enough hard currency to fund considerable travel abroad.

Lebanese opposition militias open ports with veneer of legality

By Donna Abu Nasr Associated Press

JIYE, Lebanon (AP) - Three ports run by opposition militias, whose status touched off six months of fierce artillery battles between Falangists and Syrians, are back in business.

For the first time since the ports were opened in 1984, the Syrian-backed militias have allowed government customs officials to be stationed at the three ports, which were blockaded during the fighting that erupted in March and halted Sept. 22.

Shafiq Ataya, general manager of the Druse-controlled port at Jiye, 24 kilometres south of Beirut, said the presence of the customs officials "means that the ports have now become legal." But Falangist government officials say it's only a token customs

presence to give the militia operations a veneer of legality.

A senior official source close to military leader Gen. Michel Aoun said: "It's just a front. There's simply no way of checking what they do or checking

ships' manifests to determine what is being brought in." Officials at the central bank said customs levies from the militia ports are being deposited in the customs directorate account, but declined to give a total.

The Falangist source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: "We believe the militias are issning forged manifests listing fewer goods than are actually shipped, or listing goods that carry lower duty than are actually being imported, so that they pay minimum customs levies."

The customs directorate sent officials to Jiye and the other militia run ports of Ouzai and Khalde on Sept. 25, three days after an Arab League-brokered ceasefire halted the fighting between Aoun's forces and the Sy-

Khalde, a few kilometres south of Beirut, is also operated by Druse chieftain Walid Junblatt's Progressive Socialist Party. Quzai on Beirut's southern outskirts, is run by Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Shi'ite Muslim Amal

Aoun's gunboats and helicopter gunships blockaded them in a bid to restore long-eroded state au-

He also sought to choke off one of the militias' main sources of revenue. He estimated that the Lebanese treasury had lost \$100 million a year in customs duties

Junblatt's forces and the Syrians retaliated by blockading the Falangist enclave north of Beirut.

The move by Aoun, who heads a military government vying for power with a rival Muslim cabinet, triggered some of the most ferocious artillery battles of the 14-year-old civil war.

More than 900 people were killed and nearly 3,000 wounded. Most of the casualties were civi-

there is any attempt to close the ports again," said Khairallah Zein, general manager at Ouzai. Acun's 20,000 mainly Christian

troops took over Beirut Port from the Falangists' main militia, the Lebanese Forces, in February and still control it.

Former President Suleiman Franjieh's Christian Marada, or Giants, militia control a port at Chekka in north Lebanon, but it is a legal facility which levies

regular customs duties.

The civilian government led by Acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss is powerless to move against the opposition militias to assert

its authority. Some 22,000 troops of Lebanon's splintered army technically are aligned with Hoss. But they owe allegiance more to the militia chieftains than they do to Hoss' government and are not likely to take control of the opposition ports the way Aoun moved against the Lebanese Forces.

cials reported that 20 cargo ships have docked at Ouzai and four at Khalde has not reopened yet because its single dock silted up

Since the ceasefire, militia offi-

during the fighting and it is cur-Before the fighting erupted in March, about 60 ships a month in a couple days after he takes

Ships stopped docking at the militia-run ports in March when in 1985. It employs about 400

Informed sources noted that the opposition militias have only permitted Druse customs officers to be stationed at Jive and Khalde and Shi'ites at Amal's port.

"They do what they're told by the militias," one souce commented.

Zein said customs duties are levied at Ouzai "the same way they are at regular ports."
But he conceded that customs

and security officials are only allowed to board ships accompanied by port guards, all militia-men, who also supervise un-

We only trust our own people," Zein noted. A port worker at Ouzai, speaking on condition of anonymity, said plainclothes Syrian intelligence officers keep watch on the

militia port guards. All kinds of goods, including foodstuffs, medicines, electrical

calling it a dereliction of constitu-

participated in the election," he

told reporters after the vote.

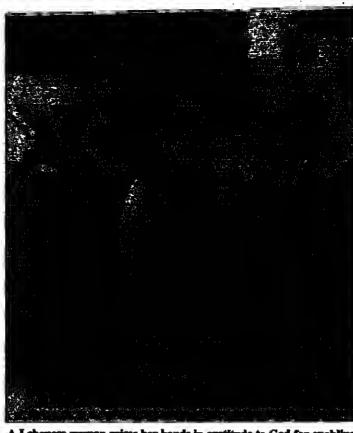
appliances and clothing, are brought in through the opposition-controlled ports "to meet the hasic needs of the people in their areas, the reason the ports were opened in the first place," Ataya

Aoun claimed the opposition militias and their Syrian allies were also using the ports to ship drugs and terrorists from the Bekaa Valley in east Lebauon, a Syrian-controlled region, and bring in weapons.
"I challenge him to name just

one ship that has been seized anywhere in the world with a cargo of drugs originating in one of the three ports," Zein said. He said that Amal does not

even allow shipments of liquor and pork, banned in Shi'ite areas, to come through Ouzai, "so why should anyone believe we would allow drugs to pass through this harbour?

"As for arms, the militias get them overland. They don't need the ports for that," he said.



A Lebanese woman raises her hands in gratitude to God for enabling herself and her family to return to their house in Beirut following the success of the Arab Tripartite Committee in bringing about a censelire which resulted in opening the airport and lifting the blockades.

Somalia **Ozal fails to get** necessary majority frees over as president on Nov. 9, that is when the seven-year term of

ANKARA (AP) — Premier Turgut Ozal, running for president in defiance of growing protests, has President Kenan Evren expires. In Friday's ballot, Fethi Celik-bas, a Motherland deputy who is failed to receive the necessary majority for election at a parliament session boycotted by the the only candidate running opposition parties.
In the first ballot, Ozal reagainst Ozal garnered 18 votes.

The rest cast empty ballots. ceived 247 votes from the 285 Fonr Motherland deputies have resigned from the party to protest Ozal's decision to run for deputies of his Motherland Party in the 450-member parliament. This would be enough for vicesident

Tinaz Titiz, a former tourism minister in the Ozal government, tory on a third ballot Oct. 31. when a simple majority is sufficient, but it fell short of the said in his resignation statement two-thirds majority of 300 re-Friday that he could not condone quired in the first two ballots. an election carried out without the participation of the opposi-Ozal criticised the boycott.

tional duty by the opposition members. "They should have named their own candidate and Also empty were the seats reserved in the galleries for out-going President Kenan Evren and gh-level military officials.

The military, always a power behind presidential elections, has made clear it will not play a role

1,168 prisoners

MOGADISHU (R) — Somalia President Mohammad Siad Barre has celebrated 20 years in power by freeing more than 1,000 prisoners and calling on his countrymen to help revive an ailing, war-ravaged economy.

The official Somali News Agency (Sonna) said Siad Barre marked Friday's anniversary by pardoning 1,168 inmates who had committed various crimes but it did not elaborate. Somalia, accused by Western

governments and human rights groups of detaining opponents without trial and committing summary executions, earlier this year released hundreds of political prisoners.

But Friday's prisoner release is cash, Sonna said.



the first since rioting broke out in the capital, Mogadishu, in July. The government says 32 people were killed in the disturbances but diplomats put the death toll at over 400.

In a speech to the nation, Siad Barre did not mention the prisoner release but asked his countrymen to support economic reform measures and to stop hoarding

Sudanese leader extends truce; urges peace talks

Al Bashir, speaking on the final to abandon war.

"I call on the rebel movement not the fist of war," Bashir said in movement when it comes to pura speech on state Radio sue peace talks," he said.

100 delegates picked by the milittion Army (SPLA).

help achieve peace with the Muslim south by the Arabised north.

The conference closed with a recommendation that Islamic diplomats said would do little to allay the fears of non-Muslims.

by the SPLA and Bashir have peace."

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese largely halted hostilities in south-military leader General Hassan ern Sudan since May. Bashir called on the SPLA to

day of a 44-day peace conference abandon war for the negotiating Saturday, extended a truce with table and renewed an invitation southern rebels and urged them to the rebels to come to Khar-

tourn for dialogue.
"I hereby declare that full proto extend the hand of peace and tection will be provided to the

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domination of the largely nonadopt a federal system of government fell short of the SPLA's demand for a confederation or outright separation, they added. Bashir said conference deci-

Sharia Law and custom form the sions would form the basis for basis of legislation, which the peace talks with the SPLA. The final day of the conference was declared a public holiday.

Most southerners want a secular constitution and a complete drums, boy scouts marcheld separation of state from religion. A series of ceasefires declared strators chanted, "we are all for

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Over 50 killed in Sudan bus collision

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) — A bus vecred into a high-voltage power pole and caught fire Friday after a collision with another bus, and more than 50 people burned to death, authorities said. Egypt's state-owned Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported the death toll at 64, but that could not be confirmed. Witnesses said the two buses collided 40 kilometres south east of Khartoum toward Wadi Medani on one of Sudan's few major. roads. One of the vehicles swerved off the highway into a transformer pole. They said everybody on the bus died except the conductor, a baby and five others. Passengers of the other bus were injured, some seriously, but it was not known how many.

Queen Elizabeth stops in Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) - Britain's Queen Elizabeth paid a two-hour visit to Bahrain Saturday on her way home from the Commonwealth summit in Malaysia. A spokesman for the British embassy said Bahrain's Emir Sheikh Isa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa invited the Queen for lunch while her plane refuelled. She was received at, the airport by the emir, Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Sulman Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince Sheikh Hamed Ibn Isa Al Khalifa and other figures. Bahrain was a British protectorate from 1961 until independence in 1971.

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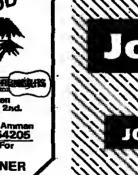


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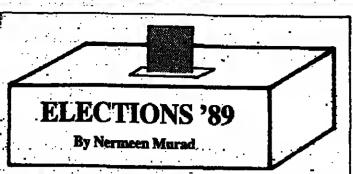
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ONE OF the candidates is using the government-owned electricity company vehicles to display his election banners. Is this legal?

MUSLIM fundamentalist candidates maintain that altho have been accused of extremism and violence, these two characteris-tics are the furthest from their dictates. "The way that the media are portraying Islam is very far from the reality of our religion," Dr. Hamman Sal'd, a candidate of the Muslim Brotherhood in the fifth district of the capital, told the Jordan Times. He attributed his "limited insight" to two factors:
— Some ardent Muslims view Islam from a "limited window"

and these views reflect on the general perspective.

The hurried studies by some of those looking into the reality of

Islam result in hapharard conclusions.

Walid Shukri Shabsough, a Muslim Brotherhood candidate for the Third District's Circassian seat, asserts that the Brotherhood "has been accused of extremism and violence when in reality we are

the victims of these two factors." Ghaleb Abou Abbond, also of the Third District and Shahsough's running mate in the elections, sees the Brotherhood-"as a victim of terrorism of the different regimes."

IN A debate held at the Professional Associations Complex Wednesday, the microphone did not perform as well as it should have, and appeared to be taking decisions on its own. Six candidates participated in the debate during which each candidate spent a few moments outlining his/her campaign before the audience. Walid Abdul Hadi, a lawyer in the Third District, was the first to speak followed by engineer Luith Shbeilat. As the third speaker was about to start, the microphone went dead. Shbeilat immediately said, "Capitalism must favour us," referring to Abdul Hadi and himself. Ironically the speaker happened to be Dr. Yacoub Zayadine, a known communist.

RUMOUR has it that one organisation has as many as 80 candidates in the elections. The problem is that this organisation is so secret that no one knows these candidates by name. Even if one does know, he/she is not talking.

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Poll procedures continue

AMMAN (J.T.) — Election anthorities in the various constituencies have started to release names of candidates in the Nov. 8 polls to the Lower House of Parliament to allow for voters to file objections to any of the nominees by Sunday.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-.ra, said courts have ruled on appeals filed by aspirants to Par-liament scats whose nominations were rejected by the concerned governors. The cours of first instance in Amman rejected the appeal of two while the court in bid turned down the appeal of

another. In Ajloun, the court overturned a rejection of nomination by Fahmi Ali Abidi, and, subsequently, the governor reinstated the nomination in the candidate roster. Petra said.

In Tafileh governorate, a total of 17 candidates are running for three seats. Out of 21,908 voter cards, some 18,000 have been collected by out to voters.

In Zarqa governorate, a total of 59,306 voter cards were handed out. Zarga Governor Mohammad Shobaki has called upon citizens to pick up their cards as soon as possible.

Amman meeting sets the way to 'humanise' debate

AMMAN (J.T.) - In an effort to "humanise" medical and scientific seminars, organisers are adopting a new tend of highlighting the "framen element" rather than just concentrating on the technical and scientific details of

the topics.
Following this philosophy, the third Pan-Arab Seminar on Zoonotic and Parasitic Diseases, which concluded its three-day meetings here Thursday has rea research centre in Amman to "serve in spreading awareness, in that it would help the community in understanding what zoonotic and parasitic diseases are all ab-out," said the chairman of the seminar, Dr. Oumeish Oumeish,

a Jordanian dermatologist. In the closing session, after generalised discussions and evamation of the papers presented. by Jordanian and non-Jordanian participants, it was decided that an information dissemination network with national and international connections be established, also in Amman," accord-

ing to Oumeish.

"It was also recommended that such seminars should include workshops on development of research projects that are related to these diseases." he said.

The participants advised the continuation of similar seminars with the understanding that they would help in following up the recent advances in the epidemiology, treatment and prevention of such diseases.

According to a participant in the seminar, Dr. Laurence Perish of the University of Thomas. Jefferson in Philadelphia, scientific discoveries are useless if everyone is not made aware of them and they are used to help people. "If there is no dissemination of information, then it is simply an academic exercise which does not benefit the community."

According to Oumeish, "we, both participants and organisers, acknowledge the international and national institutions for their significant contribution to the seminar, especially the Canadian International Development and Research Centre (IDRC)."

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ An art exhibition by Fund Mimi and 'Annuar Khammash at Abdul Humid Shoutan Foundation's Scientific and Cultural
- ☆ An exhibition entitled "Discovered pictures in East Jerusalem" by Austrian artist Eva Patz at the Goethe Institute;
- An art exhibition by Jordanian artist Mohammad Al Quiddouni displaying oil and watercolour pointings depicting nature in Jordan, at the Housing Bank Gallery.
- * An art exhibition by Jordanian plantic artist Bashua Butouli at Alia Art Gallery.
- A national book exhibition displaying political, economic, social and children's books at Raya Bint Al Hussein School, Madaba.
- * An exhibition of modern American books which includes books on agriculture, engineering, medicine and other topics, at the University of Jordan.

* A feature film entitled "Amadeus" at the American Centre —

LECTURE

A lecture emitted "The Unfamiliar Jordan — In Search of Creative Photography" by Amer Khammash at Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation's Scientific, Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.

Israeli toxic waste plan near Eilat rings alarms

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN - Plans by an Israeli government-owned chemical firm, Israel Chemicals Limited (ICL), to import 100,000 tonnes annually of "dangerous" industrial wastes and to extract aluminum and dispose of some of the by-products at a recycling plant 30 kilometers from Eilat on the Red Sea has sent alarm bells ringing to environmental protection circles in Jordan.

Jordanian environmentalists confirmed Saturday "that even minor exposure to phosphine (toxic) gases could have de-trimental effects on water resources, corals, sea life and of course human beings." Eilat is about 40 kilometres from Jordan's Aqaba port. In Israel itself, the issue has kicked up a storm. Yosef Tamir, a former Knesset member and head of an umbrella group of environmental protection agencies in Israel, described it as "the worst en-

vironmental scandal I have come across in 40 years." He said the plan by the Israeli company to recycle the industrial wastes could poison people, animals, water and land, in the area. Although most of the waste consists of aluminum and silica, which are relatively harmless, according to experts, part of the waste, when mixed with water, releases highly toxic phosphine gas.

Tamir was quoted by the Associated Press as saying that scientists told me specifically this material is full of poisons.

The immediate threat to Jordan is not yet known since the Israeli government is believed not to have approved the project. However, an official source said Saturday that "we are aware of the situation and waiting to see if the Israelis decide to go ahead with the plan.

"I doubt that the Israelis are crazy enough to poison themselves, but we have to wait and see," he said. "If the wastes come anywhere near the Red Sea then it may become a Jordanian issue as well."

environmentalists is that the Israelis might dump part of the waste in earth and this could creep into Jordanian soil. "I will not put it past the Israelis to build an under-

The main fear of Jordanian

ground tunnel and dump the waste in Jordanian territory," was the icy comment of a Jordanian observer.

Haim Erez, director general

of ICL, was quoted in the Israeli press as saying that experts at the ICL and Tami. a private research firm in Haifa, assured us that the industrial waste poses no health or environmental danger." He added that if the Israeli environment ministry declines to approve the project "we will of course drop the whole thing".

ICL plans to extract 8,000 tomes of aluminum from the waste, while 60,000 tonnes of minerals would be returned to West Germany and 30,000 tonnes would stay in Israel, according to reports.

The project would create 40 to 50 jobs at the plant and would provide foreign currency, the reports said.
The Jerusalem Post reported

that Tamir had countered that Environment Minister Roni

Mile told him "he was opposed to it, but he had a problem because because it was sup-ported by Finance Minister Shimon Peres and Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon." The newspaper did not carry

any comment from Milo. Tamir told the AP that "no country in Africa and in the Third World is willing to accept these materials. Why should Israel?'

The director general at the Israeli ministry of environment, Uri Marinov, was quoted as saying he was "very worried" about the situation, said he had not received a detailed plan. but sought to assure the press that if the deal were approved, strict conditions would be imposed. He said that a bypass road around Eilat was necessary because the toxic material in humid conditions gives off phoshine gas, which he was quoted as saying was "more toxic than cyanide.

An Israeli expert was quoted as saying that after he asked the German partners in the deal to explain why they wanted to get rid of the wastes they answered by saying "the sun provided free evaporation, and the drying process would require electricity if this were done in Germany." He also reported that the German counterparts had said the price of recycling the material in Germany would be exhorbitant when compared to the price in Israel.

The Jerusalem Post also reported Tamir as saying that an undisclosed amount of money had been offered to ICL to recycle the wastes for the German counterpart.

Petra Bank reaches agreement in principle to 'defreeze' Visa

By Ghadeer Taher Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Petra Bank has reached agreement in principle with Visa Card International to pay off its remaining \$1.7 mil-lion debt. In turn, Visa would resume credit authorisation for Petra Bank card-holders worl-

"We have reached an agreement in principle to renegotiate terms with Visa and pay back our debt and then we expect Visa to resume its service for our cardholders," Bassam Attari, general manager of Petra Bank, said Saturday.
Petra cards (Visa cards issued

by the bank) were "frozen" shortly after the government's **Economic Security Committee** took over Petra Bank management in August. "Technical problems in processing caused by financial difficulties that arose as a result of initial association with financial corporations linked to (former Petra Bank Chairman) Ahmad Chalabi and Petra Bank International in Washington D.C.," were cited as reasons for the Visa freeze by Attati in an earlier interview with the Jordan Times.

Informed banking sources on its payments to Visa Card International when the bank was under the management of Chalabi. The bank's management was replaced and the bank was merged with the smaller Jordan Gulf Bank because

AMMAN (Petra) — Unification

of legislation and regulations related to the employment of workers in the Arab Cooperation

among the main topics on the

agenda of a meeting of the ACC

ministers of labour, according to

Labour Minister Jamal Al Be-

The minister made the state-

ment shortly before his departure

for Cairo where the two-day

The ministers, who represent

Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen, will discuss, among other

things, steps taken for the imple-

mentation of resolutions and re-

commendations adopted at ear-

lier meetings concerning the em-ployment of ACC workers, the

flow of manpower within ACC

countries and the employment of

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AMMAN (Petra) - Veteran

Jordanian writer Rox Ibn

Zaed Al Uzeizi has been hon-

oured by a San Diego University in the United States for his

literary work and his transla-

tion of world literature into

A team from the National

University in San Diego visited

Uzeizi at home Saturday and

presented him with the uni-

versity's shield in recognition

of his efforts (see photo). The

team also paid tribute to Uzeizi for his writings in Arabic and poetry.

A spokesman for the team

said that the university's board

of trustees annually selects

noted writers for the award.

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Arabic.

meeting will begin Sunday.



of possible "gross" violation of banking laws and other regulations governing foreign exchange regulations.

The resumption of Visa Card International Authorisation, according to analysts, is a confidence boosting measure for the troubled bank. "After the bank was supported by the govern-ment and the CBJ (Central Bank of Jordan), this is a sign that Petra can meet its obligations," said an analyst. Another bank agreed, "this is a positive sign for Petra Bank."

In further negotiations with Visa Card International, Petra Bank will try to reschedule its \$1.7 million debt. According to Attari, the bank will try to pay off the debt through weekly installments of \$200,000 to \$250,000. The bank has already. paid a substantial part of its original debt of \$7 million to Visa Card International, Attari

In an earlier interview. Attari said that Petra bank was negotiating a new agreement with Visa "based on new conditions." The new conditions will focus on the processing side of the card service with certain banks of which some are owned

Labour legislation to top agenda

Iamal Al Bedour

foreign labourers with a view to

finding proper means to substi-

tute foreign workers with ACC workers, said the minister.

Bedour said that the four

San Diego university has

turned out a great number of

Jordanian students who com-

ministers would look into ways security plan.

of ACC ministers' Cairo meeting

or controlled by Chalabi. Before the management

change, according to sources, Petra Bank used to cooperate with Visa Card International under loosely defined agreements reached through agents. "It was very difficult in the initial stages of sorting out the bank's affairs to make heads or tales of Petra Bank's links with Visa Card," according to one of the sources.

An agreement on rescheduling Petra Bank's outstanding payment to Visa is expected to be finalised by the middle or end of November, according to

Petra Bank is also in the process of reducing the number of its card customers to approximately 2,000 from 7,000. The card will be taken away from those who "benefitted illegally" through the strength of the card. "There were people using the card to speculate against the dinar," Attari said. "They used to buy the dollar at 580 fils on the strength of the card and then sell it on the black market for 800 to 900 fils," he said.

Some holders, according to Attari, were also not meeting their payments, raising questions over their creditworthiness. These cards will be revoked, he said.

Petra cards, the bank also used to extend credit to some 850 others holding "Golden Petra cards." Attari said the bank was planning to reduce the number of "Golden Petra cards" to 100.

for unifying legislations with a view to facilitating dealings among the ACC countries in

An assessment of the ACC countries' future needs of work-ers in the light of their economies

and social plans will also be dis-

cussed at the meeting, the minis-

Cairo by Dr. Mansour Utoum, director of the Labour Ministry's

Bedour is accompanied to

The Cairo meeting will follow

up on the implementation of re-

commendations reached during

the ACC labour ministers' first

meeting in Baghdad in August. The ministers will further discuss

means to curtail the flow of fore-

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Regent reviews Arab, Islamic issues

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Saturday met a Pakistani military delegation now on a visit to Jordan. The Regent reviewed with the visitors the general political and economic situation in the Arab and Islamic worlds and efforts to solve the

Palestinian and Afghan problems.

Prince Hassan underlined the need for increas-

ing economic cooperation among the countries of the Middle East region, and referred in particular to the formation of regional economic groups, which, he said, could have an influential role in the world.

The Pakistani delegation will tour military ositions and will meet with senior army officers in Jordan.

Cabinet debates new income tax law

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cabinet Saturday reviewed a new income tax law aimed at alleviating the burden on lower income groups Minister of Information Nasouh Majali said in a briefing after the cabinet session.

According to Majali, the Cabinet also approved an amendment to a law on additional services tax at hotels and restaurants. The present 10 per cent tax was broadened to include

restaurants.

speech from the throne to the new Parliament. The speech usually outlines the government programme of action. The committee comprises deputy prime minister Salem Masa'deh and

three and four star hotels and Hisham Al Khatib; Minister of Higher Education Nasser Adeen Al Assad; Minister of Planning Majali also said the Cabinet Zaid Fariz; Minister of Agriculformed a committee to prepare ture Adnan Badran; Minister of His Majesty King Hussein's Culture and Information Nasouh Majali and Minister of Finance Bassel Jardaneb.

The Council of Ministers also approved a draft amendment to the law on revenue stamps. The Cabinet was briefed by the minis-Marwan Al Qasem; Minister of ter of planning on the King's Energy and Natural Resources recent visit to Canada.

Abdullah Al Qudah

Cardiac conference to open Oct. 25

AMMAN (J.T.) — Three American, British and Preside professors of Jordanian origin have been invited by the University of Jordan to deliver lectures at "a conference on chest diseases scheduled to open here Oct. 25, according to Dr. Abdullah Al Qudah, the chairman of the con-

Qudah said that delegates from nearly all Arab states and of foreign countries had already arrived here for the three-day meeting, which is organised by the University of Jordan in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the National Medical Institution (NMI) and the Jordanian Society for Cardiac and Chest Diseases.

"The conference will be a unique event in the Middle East since it will group a very large number of specialists working and living in the Arab countries of Asia and Africa, and professors of different specialisations working in European countries," said Qudah in a statement issued

Saturday. He said Jordan would submit 12 working papers to the conference, which will review almost 70 papers from the participating countries. Diseases connected with smoking and the environment will be among the main topics, which will also include hing cancer and respiratory diseases, according to Qudah.

The participants will inspect medical equipment which will be on display at the university throughout duration of the conference. The participants, Qudah added, can also watch a documentary film and will be taken on tours to different sites in Jordan.

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UNDP offers to help agriculture students

AMMAN (J.T.) - The United scholarships for M.Sc. and docto-Nations Development Programmc (UNDP) has offered the University of Jordan technical assistance to post-graduate students, especially those to be employed at the newly established Agricultural Mechanisation depart- and said that the offer would

Atiga. UNDP resident representative in Jordan, during a visit vices to Jordanian farmers. to the university Saturday.

rate training courses and by purchasing equipment for training students and agricultural engineers at the University of Jordan's Faculty of Agriculture.

Dr. Arabiyat thanked UNDP ment and Pasture Land section. definitely encourage his faculty to The offer was made by Dr. Ali forge ahead with scientific research and provide extension ser

of the university Saturday.

According to Dr. Naim SpoAtiqa met with Dr. Suleiman

bar, the dean's deputy, the facul-Arabiyat, dean of the university's ty's new section was created in faculty of agriculture, to whom he the beginning of the 1989-1990 made the offer, and with whom academic year. The first batch of he discussed UNDP-university students will not be accepted becooperation in agricultural fields. fore the next academic year when Atiqa said that UNDP could all plans and programmes have help students by giving them been implemented.

NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

LATVIAN TEAM IN AQABA: A visiting delegation from the Soviet Republic of Latvia Saturday visited Agaba part. The delegation, led by Latvia's Deputy Prime Minister Cepanis Alfreds, met with Aqaba Region Authority Director-General Bassam Director Qaqish, who briefed its members on Aqaba's developments and projects and tourist facilities. The delegation members visited the Agaba marine science station and several factories located in the Aqaba region. (Petra)

UPU COMPETITION: The Universal Postal Union (UPU) is organising a competition in postage stamp designing, a spokesman for the Post Office and Postal Saving Corporation said. Those interested should contact the corporation's concerned section to make necessary arrangements.

BOOK EXHIBITION: A national book exhibition was opened at Madaba Saturday. The week-long exhibition, being held at Raya Bint Al Hussein School for Girls, displays political, economic and social books in addition to children's books. The proceeds of the exhibition will benefit school libraries in Madaba district.

U.S. PUBLICATIONS: An exhibition of modern American publications and books was opened at the University of Jordan Saturday by university President Dr. Mahmoud Al Samra and in the presence of U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roscoe Suddarth. The week-long exhibition displays 400 books by modern American writers in science and technology, especially in engineering, medicine and agriculture. (Petra)

CEMENT EXPORTS: Jordan recently exported a total of 22,500 tonnes of cement to Egypt, as part of an agreement signed between the two countries which provides for exporting 750,000 tonnes of cement. A total of 290,000 tonnes has so far been exported within the framework of the deal. (Petra)

MAAN-TABOUK AGREEMENT: A delegation representing Maan Municipality will visit the Sandi Arabian city of Tabouk next month to discuss with its municipal council an agreement on twinning Maan with the Saudi city, paving the ground for bilateral cooperation in municipal and public services affairs. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jabr has given his initial approval of the agreement. Maan Mayor Mousa Fayyad Maani said the agreement was bound to bolster ties between the two cities and their citizens and will open the way for an exchange of expertise and a sharing of experience between the two municipal

NEW BOOKS FROM U.S.: The Department of Libraries, Documentation, and National Archives has received a collection of American books translated into Arabic as part of the existing cultural and informational exchange programme between Jordan and the United States. The collection includes about one thousand books on literature, economy, culture, information, and history. The Director of the department, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, has praised this initiative noting that it reflects "continued spheres of cultural cooperation between the two countries and constitutes a qualitative addition to the books available at the National Central Library." He added that extra copies will be distributed to various public libraries in the Kingdom. (Petra)

By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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The road is clear

IF THERE were any lingering doubts over the course of political and parliamentary life in Jordan, then they have been rooted out with the clear position adopted by the government, upon the instructions of His Majesty King Hassein, not to bar political activists from running in the Nov. 8 elections to the Lower House of Parliament. The decision has sent a loud and clear message to everyone, including sceptics in the region as well as in the international scene, that Jordan has turned a new corner in its quest towards absorbing grass-root elements into its decision- and

policy-making process.

The ball all is now clearly in the court of the electorate. The King has made it clear that neither candidates nor voters should go to extremes in their enthusiasm to exercise their rights and assume their role in parliament. It is no secret that Jordan is facing many internal as well as external problems which pose grave dangers and require concerted and unified national counter-action. Awareness of the need to rally all our forces together towards achieving a solid national stand in the face of such dangers is the need of the

On the external front, Jordan has made clear its total support for the Arab Nation's number one cause - the Palestinian cause — and has thrown its full weight behind the efforts of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PL). However, with the Israeli intransigence and rejection of Palestinian rights, Jordan has always to be on guard against possible deterioration of peace efforts and its consequences.

At the domestic front, Jordan faces economic problems which warrant not only wise guidance from the deputies who will represent us in parliament but also hard work on behalf of the executive. Unless the full implications of the circumstances that led to the current crisis are researched and comprehended, chances of putting the economy back on the right track will remain slim-

Although economic issues are the priority of the day, many other aspects of life in Jordan need to be addressed. absorbing the reality of political exigencies, modernisation of education, abandonment of public sector hypocrisy and environmental protection, to name a few.

In sum, the responsibilities facing the legislative and executive in the next phase are enormous. The leadership has cleared the way for the people to choose their representatives - whoever that may be - and the electorate is now dutybound to send to parliament the most suitable people capable of delivering a brighter future.

JORDAN PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i daily on Saturday discussed an address by King Hussein at Oxford University in England in which he urged all peace-loving nations of the world to work for peace in the Middle East. This is not the only lecture delivered by the King in international forums, as he had addressed the world community on other occasions and in different countries of the world - most recently in Canada, said the paper. The Oxford lecture was a link in a long chain of activities and moves by the King at all levels, in defence of the Palestinian people's rights, reminding the world community in general and the peace-loving nations in particular of their duty towards peace and towards ending all dangers that threaten security worldwide, the paper said. In his lectures the King always dwells on the oeed for the Palestinians to have self-determination and for the PLO to lead the Palestinian people to freedom, the paper noted. It said that the King hopes the world community will help the Palestinians recover their usurped land.

A columnist in Al Ra'i Arabic daily strongly criticises statements by candidates running for the coming parliamentary elections, likening them to those that appear during or before each Arab meeting held at the local, regional, or pan-Arab levels. Homi Ayesh says that each one of the candidates has put up statements that look alike, and each tackle such questions as liberation of Palestine, stimulation of the national economy, Islam ... as a solution for all problems, ending unemployment etc. The writer says that all these candidates give the voters empty hopes and do not tell the electorate anything about the means of fulfilling all these hopes and objectives. The writer also likens the slogans appearing on posters and banners or placards in the streets of Amman and other cities and villages to the slogans of Arab political parties which give empty words without the least clue as to how they will ever be achieved. Ayesh says that political parties which focus public attention on big slogans and objectives, tend to forget the basic needs of the public they ought to serve and tend to forget the people's interests. The writer calls on the voters not to read the slogans but to deeply fathom the past of each of the candidates before giving the vote to any of them.

Al Dustour daily discussed the King's lecture at Oxford University which presented a detailed description of the situation in the Middle East, exposing Israel's atrocities and defending the Palestinian people's rights in their homeland. The paper noted that the King explained the motives behind Jordan's severence of links with the occupied West Bank and focused attention on the ongoing intifada. The paper said that the world community is being enlightened on the situation in our region by the King's speeches and is being urged to shoulder its responsibilities towards peace and security. There is no doubt as the King said, that the continued deprivation of the Palestinian people of their legitimate rights should not be allowed, specially as the PLO has offered concessions and pledged to ensure peace in the region, the paper noted. It said that Israel continues to reject the idea of swapping land for peace, and therefore it cootinues to accept the concept of permanent peace.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

Election campaign and the economic crisis

THE SLOGANS produced so far by the election campaign mill, and showered over the heads of the electorate fall under three headings: Democracy, Palestine, and the economy. As far as the slogans are concerned, there are very little differences between

the candidates competing for the votes of the public.

All candidates are for the restoration of democracy, safeguarding of the constitution, public freedoms, a state based on institutions, dependence of the judiciary, organisation of political parties and expression of opinion.

All candidates are for the Palestinian cause, support of the intifada, and all call for an independent Palestinian state on the Palestinian soil. They are for the national unity and for equal opportunities in jobs and education for all citizens irrespective of

their origin.

All candidates want the economic crisis to be solved. They are strongly against unemployment and higher prices. They support subsidies for basic consumer commodities.

Measured by the alogans I can hardly say that any candidate is better than the other. One has therefore to go back to their past records, and examine the history of the candidates to see what each of them has actually done on line with her/his declared slogans, whether within the government or outside it. I am afraid that the proceeds are very meager. A large proportion of the

candidates are not even public figures, and never took a leading role in their local communities nor at the national level. They have come from nowhere thinking that their money and relatives may do the trick.

It is of course far from productive to call for extreme, unrealistic policies and to raise false hopes. It is meaningless, for example, to say we want everything to be good, just, clear, proper and perfect. Every serious candidates should distinguish himself or herself one way or another, or tell us how he or she intends to implement even one of these desired aims and objectives.

I know no one in the government or the opposition who wants more unemployment. Therefore, it is meaningless to raise a slogan that condemns memployment. We need to be shown how more jobs can be created without worsening other illnesses of the economy; should we ask the government to expand and employ all the unemployed? In this case, how can we reduce the recurring public expenditure and the deficit as other slogans advocate. Or should we demand from companies to increase their staff? In this case what happens to the profitability, efficiency and competitive-

The solution to unemployment may lie in promoting private investment. But this is not an easy job. It needs the reform of the investment climate by reducing governmental intervention in

prices and by clarifying the monetary, financial, and commercial policies, and providing real and effective incentives and more guarantees for domestic and foreign capital. Unfortunately we find most slogans in circulation call for more governmental intervention and price fixing, which will definitely create more unemployment. Problems could not be easily solved simply by decisions taken in the Council of Ministers or the Parliament.

One last stop at the slogan most frequently repeated: "Demanding solutions to the economic crisis." Yes, many candidates want us to elect them simply because they will ask the government to find solutions to the economic crisis. They themselves have no

solutions. They have no suggestions or recommendations.

Finally we have one good word about the slogans as related to the economy. No candidate said a word against the policy of correction, and economic restructuring adopted and implemented by the government as of this year, which implies that no set-back is expected under the pressure of a popular parliament. However one candidate demanded the cancellation of the IMF programme and disengagement from the World Bank and the IMF.

If this slogan was adopted, the only beneficiary would be the IMF and the World Bank who would save \$300 million of fresh

money, and the only loser would be Jordan and its people, especially the low income groups which the candidate wants to

Bush still sells in Reagan's own American heartland

By Michael Coplon

Reuters

DIXON, Illinois — As President George Bush oears the anniversary of his election on November 8, 1988, there are some questioning voices across the land oo editorial pages and among other opinion-shapers.

Bush."

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But if the people of Dixon were voting for a president this year, Bush would win handily — again. For most citizens of this small town in the American heartland. a steady economy and a good harvest mean more than Panamanian dictators, Colombian drugs, arms control or superpower poli-

There appears to be a bappy complaceocy here, built perhaps on the belief that not much has changed since Ronald Reagan handed over to his vice-president last January 20. People like Bush's quiet, comforting style jost as they once admired Reagan's sunny optimism.

Favourable comparisons with

the immensely popular Reagan cannot be dismissed bightly, especially in Dixon, because this is where Ronald Reagan grew up. Visitors still comthousands to tour his restored

boyhood home and buy coffee cups and tee shirts at the adjoining visitor centre. The people around here are generally favourably disposed to Mr. Bush," said James Dixon, a

Democrat and mayor of this town

of 16,000 named for one of his

German

By Carol J. Williams

The Associated Press

BONN, West Germany - East

Germany's leadership change is a

"cosmetic step" that buys time

for the Communist government

but will have little impact on

inter-German relations or pros-

pects for a reunited Germany,

Scholars and government au-

thorities suggest it is preferable to

preserve the inter-German status

quo than to leap ahead to sweep-

ing changes that could destabilise

East Germany and Europe's poli-

Party's choice of Egoo Krenz to

succeed the ageing and infirm Erich Honecker is widely viewed

in West Germany as a transitional

step, rather than a long-term

solution. Krenz, 52, shares the

hard-line political views of his

77-year-old mentor Honecker,

who had been in power since

"I share the broad scepticism

of many that Egon Krenz is any

more disposed to reform than

Honecker was. This chaoge

appears more a cosmetic step,"

Detief Kuchn, head of the Inter-

German Institute in Bono, told

the Associated Press in an inter-

Krenz's first speech after he took over Wednesday showed "there will have to be another

change at the top before any

matters of inter-German relations

are reconsidered," Kuehn coo-

In the nationally televised

address, Krenz blamed West

Germany for the tight restrictions

on foreign travel imposed on East

Germans by the Communist gov-

ernment. Travel rights are one of

the most pressing demands of the

country's grassroots reform

citizenship to all people of Ger-man origin, and this has encour-

aged an exodus of East Germans

West Germany offers

The East German Communist

tical and military alliances.

West German officials say.

"I think he and his wife have shown restraint and good thought under pressure. I think they've shown they reflect pretty much the mood of the country."

Added Martin Wisner, executive director of the Reagan home: "I think everybody's happy with

Edward Higgins, editor of the editorial page of the St. Louis Post-Despatch, was not so sure. He said he believed Bush had so far benefited from a kind of public neutrality.

"We don't get a lot of mail taking strong issue with him," Higgins said. "They don't feel strongly about him one way or the other."

He said the Post-Despatch, which opposed Bush in last November's election, last asses-sed him after six months in office. If be wrote a follow-up editorial today, Higgins said, "it would be a little less friendly".

"He just refuses to face up to the need to provide money for the problems be identifies. And I for one was very disappointed over the flag-burning issue. I thought it was a repeat of the kind of demagoguery be engaged in the election campaign.'

Higgins said Bush, in backing a law flag-burning, appeared to be trying to exploit that issue "for political gain when he should be affirming the Supreme Court's stand on behalf of free ex-

pression". The court last spring overturned a Texas law prohibiting flag-desecration as a violation of free speech rights.

in recent months through the more porous borders of other

More than 55,000 East Ger-

mans — many of them vital to the Socialist state's labour-short

industries - have fled West since

July, the majority over Hungary's

border to Austria, others via

West German embassies in Pra-

offered to iocrease Bonn's

already substantial financial aid to East Germany if it relaxes

restrictions on travel, free speech

and political activity. The hope is

that a more democratic atmos-

phere in East Germany would

stem the westward migration that

is embarrassing for East Ger-many and costly for West Ger-

many in terms of resettlement

But East German officials have

rejected Kohl's proposal, calling

it an attempt to undermine state

sovereignty. Kohl's chief of staff,

Rudolf Seiters, said Wednesday

that Bonn must move cautiously

in efforts to induce Krenz to

affairs ministry in Bonn concede

privately that democracy would

have the effect of destabilising

East Germany's rigidly controlled

sovereign state until Communism

was imposed by the Soviet

occupation forces after World

War II. Still, family ties and a

shared heritage remain strong

If a less-authoritarian political

system were to evolve in East

Germany, there would be strong

pressure from the people in both

German states to reunite the

country. West Germany, with a

has 17 million citizens.

East Germany did oot exist as a

Officials in the inter-German

adopt reforms.

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across the barriers.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has

East European nations.

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Dennis Ryerson, editor of the editorial page of the Des Moines Register, saw the Bush administratioo as lacking in imaginative new approaches to problems like the environment, the world economy and allocation of resources. now that defence issues were less

But he admitted that the president was in strong shape politi-

cally.
"I think Democrats are now acknowledging rather glumly that this will be a two-term presidency. Employment is high, even the farm economy has been steadily

recovering."

Jeffrey Cohen, a pobitical science professor at the University of Illinois, was more critical.

"I think Bush is a sort of a coward," he said. "There's not been a policy issue that I can see where he's taken the lead.

"One example is flag-burning: part of a presideot's job is not just to garner support for particular policies and positions but also to teach people what a democracy is all about. And Bush has done a terrible job. He's demagogued on "On China be's been the same

leaders to publicly blast the Chinese for probably the most the past decade." But eveo Cohen acknow-

way. He was the last of the major

ledged the mood of towns like "The public seems to be very

supportive (of Bush). He seems to have ... a large level of popularity. But I think it is really superficial compared to the popular support Reagan had."

Thursday night by the ARD oct-

work said they favoured eventual

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longs to the Soviet-led Warsaw

Pact and West Germany to the

U.S.-led NATO alliance, reuni-

fication would mean altering poli-

tical and military alliances that

have helped maintain the conti-

reunification.

Faced with overwhelming military superiority, President Bush signs the official articles of surrender before drug cartel generals in the Oval Office.

Detente means less business for U.S. defence contractors

By Steve Holland

WASHINGTON — As develop-ing detente between the United States and the Soviet Union eases fears of war, Americans appear less concerned about maintaining the pace of the defence buildup Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Resulting budget reductions are worrying the companies that make the nation's weapons. Sensing a famine, arms manufacturers are turning from feasting to fren-zied lobbying in Washington for more defence dollars.

Monitoring the pulse of de-fence contractors is Stan Collender, director of Federal Budget Policy at the Price Waterhouse

accounting firm.
"For the first time since I've been doing the budget, they're vitally concerned about this," said Collender, who speaks to audiences around the country ab-

out defence costs. "There hasn't been any audience in six months in which someone didn't say, 'can't we reduce spending for defence because of the changes going on in Eastern
Europe and the Soviet Union?"

think this means that we ought to do something about defence."

Collender holds regular sessions with defence contractors, including one recently attended by Congressman Les Aspin, chairman of the House of Repre-

sentatives armed services committee. the fact peace was breaking out was making it more difficult to get more defence dollars. You could see jaws dropping from some of the defence contractors

there when he said that."

Cost consciousness is rising at a time when the price of a single aircraft, the new Stealth bomber, is \$530 million. The Stealth is so expensive and has such sensitive technology that experts say it is unlikely to be used for military situations other than World War

The \$70-billioo Stealth programme is nearly 10 times the size of President Bush's budget for the war against drugs, which he threat to the nation.

Collender says the country is seeing the beginning of a few on the market are finding years of shrinking defeoce buyers, and that many compared to the companion of the market are finding years.

"It's a question of fighting over the smaller pieces. Previously, they just assumed the money would be there somehow. Now, you've got contractors not just bidding against each other for contracts. They're having to realise that what they're currently

going to get for a while," he said.

The Pentagon, whose \$300-billion a year budget is by far the biggest budget item, appears to be coming around to the idea that Reagan's defence buildup cannot continue given the changing rela-tionship between the U.S. and the Soviet Union.

"I think that if the Soviet Unioo reduces its forces, then we will have a smaller force," said army chief of staff General Carl Vnono.

Defence analysts say some companies are already suffering from the industry's severe overcapacity and runaway development costs that are no longer has called the gravest domestic automatically passed on to the government.

They said defence companies on the market are finding few budget, and that companies are now for sale are undervalued by nent's longest period of peace. he said in an interview. "They already quarrelling over a smaller as much as 25 per cent.

Indians draw battle lines

By Earleen Fisher The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and his fractious opposition are drawing their battle lines as the deadline approaches for calling national

The issues sharpened in the past few days with new accusations of high-level deceit and ineptitude involving the Gandhi government's \$1.4-billion purchase of artillery from the Swedish company AB Bofors. At the same time, a dispute over the power of grassroots government groups could give Gandhi a cam-

paign rallying cry.
The Bofors scandal, in which newspapers and opposition politicians allege that Bofors paid as much as \$50 million in kickbacks to clinch the 1986 arms contract, has been alternately simmering and boiling for 21/2 years. But with parliamentary elections due no later than January and speculation heightening that the date will be set any day now, the opposition has seized upon Bofors with renewed intensity. (On Tuesday Gandhi called elections on Nov. 22 and 24).

population of 62 million, is far Bofors came to a boil again on richer than East Germany, which Friday, the same day Gandhi failed to push through parliament one of his pet projects — a In the latest sign of West Gerconstitutional amendment to give man support, nearly 63 per cent greater powers to grassroots govof people who participated in a phone-in poll of TV viewers ernmental groups.

and only the second time in India's 42 years of independence that a government motion had failed.

Gandhi's Congress Party mustered 158 votes to the opposition parties' 83 in parliament's upper house, but it fell three votes short of the oecessary two-thirds majority in a midnight Friday

Ironically, this defeat could give Gandhi a boost in the campaign, fuelling his offensive against those who opposed his bill on "penchayat raj." The term's literal meaning is "five-man rule," a name derived from traditional village councils composed of five men.

"If the Congress-I (the I stands for Gandhi's predecessor and mother, Indira Gandhi) so far lacked a catchy election slogan, it now has one because, in rural and urban India, great expectations had been roused that the panchavat rai and local self-government institutions would be democratised and revitalised," the Hindustan Times said in a frontpage story Saturday.

Gandhi and his Congress Party billed panchayat raj as a powerto-the people programme, but the opposition maintained it was actually designed to strip state governments of their power and extend federal control to local

Vishwanath Pratap Singb, Gandhi's foremost political foe,

It was the first time in 21 years said Saturday the national front coalition of opposition parties would come up with its own and "much better" - Panchayat

Raj Bill. Singh, who once belonged to Gandhi's Congress Party and served as his defence and finance minister, now heads the Janata Dal (People's Party) and is the national front's "convenor," a top position. It is indicative of the coalition's internal rivalries and its need to placate egos that it also has a chairman and a presi-

The failure of Gandhi's panchayat raj amendment came about 12 hours after parliament had again debated the Bofors issue, with the opposition's usual demands for Gandhi to resign over the alleged kickbacks.

The latest Bofors debate was sparked by reports carried by the Statesman, Indian Express and other newspapers that senior members of the Gandhi government had "colluded" with Bofors to conceal the identity of a Swissbased company that allegedly re-ceived a \$12-million payoff for helping Bofors snatch the 1986

arms contract from other bidders. Exactly where any such payoffs went is the mystery. Since 1987, newspapers and opposition politicians have charged that Bofors paid up to \$50 million in "comimssions" or kickbacks that ulti-

Gandhi or the Congress Party. Gandhi has repeatedly denied that any commissions were paid or that any Indians received payoffs.

While the 45-year-old former airline pilot has not been accused of personally receiving kickbacks, he has been pilloried for allowing such alleged payoffs to happen. With 880 million people, India is the world's largest democracy, but it is an unruly one. The Congress Party, founded by Gandhi's grandfather Jawaharial Nehru, has governed India for all but three years since the Asian

subcontinent was freed from British colonial rule in 1947. Other parties have usually been fractured along regional, religious and ideological lines, rarely able to come together with a unified voice. According to UNICEF and other statistics, about 40 per cent of all adults are illiterate. Reports of voting influenced by fraud and thuggery re-

our with election. Expectations that an election date would be set soon rose when parliament adjourned its monsoon session Friday night. The next step is the dissolution of parliament by President Ramaswamy Venkataraman, whose largely ceremonial post is awarded by the prime minister's cabmet.

Once parliament is dissolved. mately ended up in the hands of the election commission must set Indians, some of them close to a date to vote for new legislators.



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Focus on People

By Mariam M. Shahin

A guestworker speaks

some phenomenon in many Western European countries. Foreign workers, be they Turks and Yugoslavians in West Germany, Indians and Pakistanis in Britain, and North African Arabs in France have been the subject of many a newspaper article, news documentary and, most recently, non-fiction novels. Their fate, as mostly underpaid unskilled abouters, has, been in many cases, adopted as a rally cry for socially-oriented political platforms while those who claim to represent the more right-wing free market economy platform call them a new burden to society at a time of economic arress (many critics see Thatcher in Britain and le Pen in France as two examples of the latter). The truth of the matter is that the "guestworkers," as they are called, were literally asked to come to their respective host countries in times of economic prosperity. But as the prosperity became less the "guestworkers," many of whom had spent 20 or more years in their host country, were being asked to go home. They were no longer seen as welcome "semi-servants," doing the jobs no native wanted to do, but rather as reasons for unemployment and beneficiaries of social security benefits that everyone was paying for. After the economic boom that occurred in the post-1973 era, Jordan too

became an "importer" of porters, gardeners, labourers, maids, cooks, namics and the like. Coming from Egypt, the Philippines, Korea, India and, more recently, Sri Lanka, those who are involved in "domestic services" have often become a major source of satisfaction, worry, comfort, discomfort, but most of all talk for the people whom they "serve." Government policies of increasing the cost of work and residence permits as well as the decrease in monetary attraction to it e foreign workers after the devaluation of the Jordanian dinar have cut down the number of foreign workers considerably.

Non-Jordanian Arab workers have been less of a target of those demanding for reduction in the foreign workforce in an attempt to address the unemployment of Jordanians. Sharing a common heritage, language and more often than not religion, the non-Jordanian Arab worker in Jordan who is most likely to be Egyptian has worked hard for his money, served his purpose and for the most part remained an outcast in the host

At present there are an estimated 100,000 Egyptian workers residing in Jordan, the vast majority of them men. They occupy a variety of jobs; some are labourers, gardeners, bell boys, farmers or house watchman while yet others are auto-mechanics, television repairmen and painters. One such Egyptian guestworker is Saed (his last name is not important according to him). He works 12 to 14 hours a day, seven days a week, four weeks a month, 12 months a year as a houseguard, gardener, babysitter, househelper and soccer goalie. This week he consented to talk to FOCUS ON PEOPLE about his life in Jordan, his hopes for the future

and the family he left behind.

Life in the Sharkia, a district of Cairo, "about the size of Jordan" as he puts it was very different for Saed than life today in an unheated concrete room in central Shmeisani. Surrounded by his parents and nine siblings, Saed started work as a farmhand when he was nine. Farming rice is the family trade for Saed and his father, who owns the equivalent of eight dunums and farm 10 dunums of their neighbour (who is too old to do it

imself and has no living sons to help him farm his land).
"My older brother and I went to work early on with our father because e needed help," Saed said. "The family needed more money because my mother was having one child every year and so there was no time for school, there was only time for work and food. Three of my nine brothers died because they got sick and there were no doctors around to give us the right medicine. But the rest survived."

He also recalls that four years ago, when times became tougher, o friend told him about the good working opportunities for Egyptians in Jordan.

Saed was put in touch with a sponsor and arrived in Amman in the winter of 1985. Since his arrival, he has been officially employed as the house guard of an apartment complex belonging to one extended family comprised of aix units. Every year his sponsor, who owns the apartment

comprised of six units. Every year his sponsor, who owns me apartment complex, renews his work and residence permits for him.

Unlike many of his compatriots Saed has not been hastled in any way or form by the authorities. "I am in Jordan legally," he pointed out. He calls his ten-by-ten feet room home. There is a shower and an Arab-style toilet as well as a gas-cooker. He sleeps on a mattress placed on a wooden frame bed and has half torn pictures of blond, blue eyed children and landscapes of the Canadian hinterland on the walls. There is no lamp shade on the singular bulb that hangs down in the middle of the room. A tiny television set receives Jordanian TV stations clearly. The "Syrian station is not so clear," Saced seemed a little peeved.

Unlike the rooms in the rest of the building, Saed's "home" contains no refrigerator, no washing machine and no dishwasher.

"I have many friends in Jordan," Saed is proud. "There are at least 10 other Egyptian workers living on the same street as me. They all have jobs and like me send money back home. We see each other almost every day. Some come and play soccer with me. When I play with the children I am

the golie."

Besides guarding the building, Saed runs errands, buying everything from groceries to school supplies. He plays with the smaller children in the yard when their mothers go for social visits, plays soccer with the older ones and tends to the garden at the end of the house.

At 25, Saed has managed, over the past four years, to save one third of his salary, which is at present JD 90 a month. He spent the rest to educate and substain his younger sibblings although he has never learnt to read and write more than numbers and his name. His father's name and his

His aim is to get married as soon as his monetary situation allows him

Although in his home in the Egyptian countryside the bride's father tools the bill for most of the expenses of a marriage, the bridegroom must offer to pay for at least some of his marriage expenses. Saed was a major contributor to the marriage of his two younger sisters and his older brother, who also works as a house guard in Jordan.

His dream of going home began the second day after he arrived in

"I dream of the day when I return to Sharkia, get married have my own house and open my own little business. If God allows all will be well."

Stories that blind

By Lee Siegel
The Associated Press

LONG BEACH, California -Scores of Cambodians complain they are blind or suffer blurry vision although their eyes are normal — a malady some experts blame on the horrors they witnessed in their homeland.

The majority of the refugees with vision complaints are 40-to 70-year-old women who fled the Khmer Rouge, which was top-pled a decade ago.

These women saw things that their minds just could not accept," said psychology profes-sor Patricia Rozee-Koker of California State University at Long Beach.

"Seventy per cent of the women had their immediate family killed before their eyes," Rozee-Koker said of the 150 Khmer Rouge victims with vision complaints she has examined. "So their minds simply closed down, and they refused to see anymore — refused to see any more death, any more torture, any more rape, any more starva-

Experts believe the refugees suffer bysterical, psychosomatic or functional blindness, in which psychological turmoil spurs people with normal eyes to believe

they are blind or see poorly.

Many of the Cambodians also show signs of severe depression and post-traumatic stress disorder, which afflicted many American veterans of the Vietnam war, Rozee-Koker said.

However, eye doctors say it is very difficult to distinguish patients with bysterical vision loss from malingerers who fake blindattention or sympathy.

Dr. Hector Sulit of Long Beach. who/ has examined many of the natient's over several years, questions whether psychological vision problems were triggered by sights of mass murder in Cambodia, or by trauma endured by Khmer-speaking Cambodian peasants adjusting to U.S. life.

Dr. Michael F. Marmor, opbti almology chairman at Stanford University school of medicine, said Cambodians examined there: "for the most part were not consciously malingering, although it's almost impossible to

Hundreds of thousands of Camibodians were killed from 1975 to 1978 by Pol Pot's fanatical communist Khmer Ronge, who tried to transform the nation into agrarian commune until Vietnatri ousted them with an invasion: that lasted from late 1978 undii last month.

The turmoil caused nearly 200,000 Cambodians to flee to the United States.

I lysterical blindness has been rep orted among shellshocked soldiers during World War I, childre'n of divorced parents, and pet ple involved in traffic acci-

Tive years ago, the unusual number of female Cambodian refug sees with psychosomatic vision problems was noticed by Gretchen Van Boemel, an electropbysic logist at Doheny Eye Institute Los Angeles.

She contacted Rozee-Koker. at 1 old friend, and together they id entified about 150 Cambodian re fugees in Long Beach who claim blindness or blurred vision. "One woman saw ber four chil-

of ber, then lost her vision right after," Van Boemel said. "One woman watched ber busband and three children taken away in 1975. They never returned. She reported she cried daily for four

and couldn't see. About 15 per cent of the women said they were blind with no perception of light — and the rest claimed varying degrees of blurry vision, she added.

years, then she stopped crying

War trauma

At Stanford, Marmor and Dr. Micbael Drinnan examined a number of people with psychosomatic hlindness during the last two years.

"There were more Southeast Asians with functional vision loss than other members of society, and almost all seem to be Cambodians," a majority of them women, Marmor said. "Most had some perception of light, hut they ranged widely over what they could see. We speculated this may bave to do with war

Rozee-Koker and Van Boemel initially interviewed 30 Cambodian women through an interpreter, and found those with the worst vision spent the most time living under the Khmer Rouge or in refugee camps.

"The womens' trauma history was extreme." Rozee-Koker said. "They bad lost several to all of their relatives. They experienced beatings, starvation, forced labour, bumiliations, separation from their families." She also suspects the women may have been raped.

"To know whether the Cambo-

dian war was the cause of this would really take some scientific scrutiny, particularly when we bave such a different social situation and culture to understand." said Dr. John Keltner, ophthalmology chairman of the University of California at Davis.

Since 1977, Keltner and colleagues examined 137 patients who complained of vision problems but had healthy eyes. They included Laotian refugees but not Cambodians. Most were faking to ohtain disability payments or awards in lawsuits. Keltner said. Nelson studied eight Cambo-dians to determine if their vision

complaints were sincere. 'Some had applied for disability, hut some months before their vision loss," be said. "In five cases, the patients were given a diagnosis of major depression, and two more also prohably suf-

Van Boemel said most of the women she studied also suffered psychosomatic beadaches, dizziness, general malaise and stomacb cramps.

Two years ago, Van Boemel and Rozee-Koker placed five of the women in group psychotherapy, while five others participated in a group where they learned survival skills. How to

call police, shop and ride buses. After 10 weekly sessions, about three-fifths of the women reported improved vision and reduced depression, Rozee-Koker

Sulit said some Cambodians get better without treatment. He refers many to mental health clinics, but "the system is not there to belp them" with long-term counselling, he said.

Prospects for migrants in the post 1992 era

THE EUROPEAN Communities' single market of 1992 is a subject of great hopes and some anxiety. Most people expect their personal welfare to benefit from the spur to economic growth and unbindered across-the-border movement of labour, goods, services and capital. But mergers or bankruptcies and the introduction of new technology might happen at an accelerated pace, causing displacement of workers right down the job ladder.

For migrant labour the npbeavals after 1992 spell particular uncertainties and conflicting perspectives. There are now close to 13 million migrants and their families in the EC region, including nearly 8 million nationals of non-member states.

The problem is that the Single European Act of 1987 does not guarantee freedom of movement for workers and entrepreneurs

from non-member countries, leaving it up to EC governments to work it out somehow among themselves.

As things stand, equal status is at least a decade away for migrants from countries seeking to join the Community or establish ecial relations with it - such as Austria, Morocco, Norway, Sweden and Turkey. Meanwhile, their nationals residing in the EC

benefits the Community bestows on its citizens.

This applies even more to migrants from countries not aspiring to EC membership - Algerians, Tunisians, Yugoslavs, West Africans or, for that matter, Swiss and Americans.

Small wonder that all these millions of people are beginning to worry that instead of a frontier-free Europe a "Fortress today will be excluded from the Europe" will shut them out as workers and employers.

On the other band, some experts believe that this "worst case scenario" is highly unlikely. They point out that the status of migrants from non-Community countries is not questioned by governments, that with very few exceptions foreigners are immune from expulsion and that after 1992 they can actually gain from the expansion of job opportunities.

Much of the current debate on

lais complex issue is groping in the dark, for very little is known bout the basic question: what ends and prospects will there be or migrant labour in the EC after

A recent informal meeting of rigration specialists convened by ae ILO attempted to provide s ome answers, which are summed p in a report just published.

lighlights: - 1992 is not likely to set off

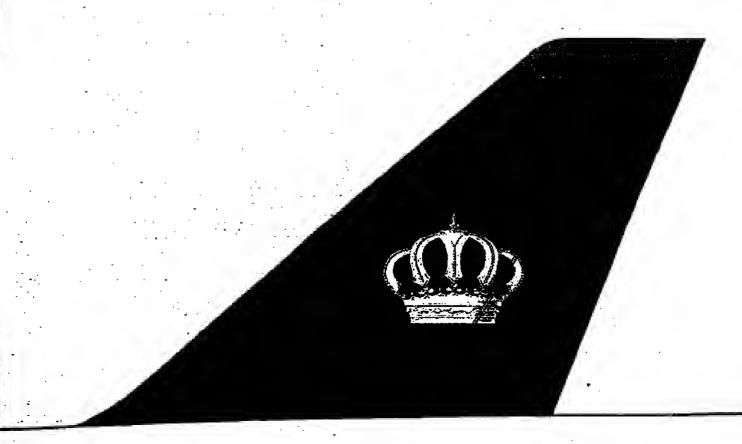
large-scale migration movements of the kind experienced in the 1960s and early 1970s, whether from one EC state to another or from outside the Community. But Portuguese workers might be drawn to France, for example, in greater numbers than at present..

Unskilled manual or service workers will be even less in demand after 1992 than they are

- Highly qualified professionals will probably move around in larger numbers than before, either on their own (such as doctors) orbecause their enterprises relocate or set np sales or production units in other EC countries. The need for well-educated and mobile manpower might not lead to the displacement of Swiss or U.S. citizens, for instance, and it might open the door to highly qualified specialists from the Third World.

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RJ, exporters embroiled in row

By Ghadeer Taher Jordan Times staff writer

AMMAN - At a time when Jordan is trying to take advantage of a devalued dinar which makes products more competitive in foreign markets, a bitter row has erupted between Jordanian exporters and the country's national carrier, Royal Jordanian (RJ), over hikes in air freight rates.

The dispute began when RJ raised freight costs of agricultural exports to Europe from 190 fils to 400 fils per kilogramme. Exporters claim the in-crease, which took effect this season. makes it "economically impossible" for them to continue exports to Europe, but RJ sees the revised charges as "still a reasonable and subsidised rate."

"The rate of 400 fils is still a subsidised rate," lyad Khaldi, RJ vice-president of marketing and sales, told the Jordan Times. The actual operational cost for us is 850 fils ecause our cargo planes come back empty from Europe.

He said the carrier's policy was not to make a profit but to breakeven.
"We are still losing (at the 400 fils per kilo rate), but we are trying to mini-mise losses," Khaldi said. According to Khaldi, the RJ freight

charges on agricultural produce do not include the extra cost the carrier had to take on when it was required to "hush-kitt" its planes in order to be allowed to fly over Europeann air space. "Hush-kitting" is the process of noise abatement made man by European countries in a series of easures aimed at minimizing "noise

The process makes the plane's engine heavier, resulting in higher consumption of fuel and lesser payload which translate into higher operating costs for RJ. The carrier has only two 'hush-kitted" Boeing 707 planes each of 35-tonne capacity; one is owned by Exporters interviewed by the Jordan Times had a different story to tell, and emphasised that the issue had to be resolved as soon as possible since first shipments of the season are scheduled to leave Jordan by mid-

"First of all," one vegetable expor-ter said, "why should RJ take out on us if they are coming back from Europe empty?"

They should find clients to use their planes for exports to Jordan," he asserted. "The airline should not place the whole burden on the Jorda-

The exporter, who preferred anonymity, questioned RJ's assertion that the carrier is losing on its cargo operations, "Royal Jordanian's cargo division made a confine as a confi division made a profit of JD 1.4 million last year when the 190 fils per kilo rate was in force," he said. Other sources gave the same assessment, but the figures could not be verified with the management of RJ.

Khaldi said RJ was willing to reim-burse Jordanian exporters the freight cost difference and to apply lower rates if exports increase and if the airline gets out of the red. Khaldi dismissed some exporters

suggestions that the price hike should have been enforced after the current season since many of them had already signed contracts with European importers on the basis of the 190-fils-per-kilo freight rate. 'None of these exporters had contracts," Khaldi asserted.

"We want exporters to sign contracts which make everyone liable and identify responsibilities," Khaldi said. "We can't have long-term agree-

ments because many afactors in-volved are of a fluctuating nature." In view of this, the airline is offering exporters short-term, seasonal agreements, he said. He did not reveal how many exporters had actually signed such agreements. Another RI official said: "We can

no longer afford to subsidise freight rates. Prices have gone up for everything. Exporters cannot expect the rates as those of last year. We had to cut our services but we still have the same number of em-

The official, who spoke to the Jordan Times on condition of arronymity, linked the cargo situation to the overall position of the airline. He pointed out that the airline hald to terminate its flights to Los Angeles, Athens and Miami and reduced

flights to several other destinat ion.

"Considering everything, 4001 fils per kilogramme is the best price: the exporters can expect," he asset ted.

Another complaint of the exporters are that they were not eight any. was that they were not given any warning of the hike. "We are still going to export but at a loss conly because if we don't we will lose our

markets," said an exporter.

An RJ official confirmed that the exporters were not given any no rice of the price change but he pointed that the whole economic situation 1 in country had changed viery

Another exporter posed a 1 undamental question: "How is this I lew rate expected to encourage export s of the country?"

The devaluation of the dinar will help us become more competitive; in European markets, but this new rate is a step backwards," he added.) We expect the country's natio nal

carrier to do more." According to experts, many am aller-scale exporters who are basics fly "middle men" between the farm as and the importers will be wiped a ut by this rise. This is viewed as a positive element by some since ma ny exporters fail to meet certain spe ci-fications and standards required under regulations laid down by t he

"Only exporters who are also far-mers with high quality products will be able to continue to export their be able to commune to export their fruits and vegetables," one expert said. He noted that in many cases the consignment was deemed "condemned" (rotten on arrival, in layman's

parlance). Another exporter is advocating an overall reassessment of Jordan's agriculture exports with a view to introducing what he sees as much-needed changes in the farming indistry and related infrastructure, starting with the vegetable grading centres, the fordan Valley Anthority, both private and public sector farmers, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO)

"It's a collective effort and these are links in a chain," he pointed out, "If you don't reach and coordinate and strengthen each link, it will never improve," he said.

(AMO).

He supports his argument by pointing to Israel's agriculture industry and comparing it with Jordan's perfor-

For instance, be says, the total Jordanian agricultural production in the Jordan Valley was about one million tonnes last year; 90% of it was exported and the export earning was \$140 million. "On the other hand, Israel produced a total of 1.2 million tonnes last year. 20 per cent more than the Jordan Valley production," he said. "But agricultural products carned Israel \$1.85 billion, including \$600 million earned through export of flowers. Quite simply, the 20 per cent margin in the total Israeli output amounted to over 1,000 per cent in

terms of return in foreign exchange. The figures quoted by the exporter could not be independently verified, but most experts agreed that there was a large grain of truth in what he

According to the exporter. "The key question is whether we can have lar results in Fordan?"

"Yes, we can," he asserted. "We have more land, more water, and

of management from top to bottom.

The whole situation needs to be reassessed. It's a long process but Jordan can do it," he said.

Another obstacle exporters claim they are facing in taking opportunity of the devalued dinar is lack of cargo capacity. The total charter cargo capacity of RI is an annual 14,000 capacity of RJ is an autitual 14,000 tonnes, assuming that the airline operates four flights every week with each of its Boeing 70% carrying 35 tonnes per each flight and working around the year. But, as things stand now, RJ carries about 6,000 tonnes during the season, according to Khafi-di. It represents less than one thousandth of Jordan's production.

Exporters say they have a great deal more to export than RJ's capacity. "I am committed to export 7,000 said one exporter. Another indicated that he was committed to export 2,000 tonnes. An agricultural expert estimated that Jordan could export as much as 30,000 tonnes of vegetables and fruits this year be-Enrope and high-quality products.
"By November, RI cargo space will be filled for the season," he said. "I got a call one day from RI that they would only be able to carry half my cargo because of limited capac-ity," said an exporter. "I have com-mitments in Europe I have to meet." This was the view of many large

Some exporters approached fore-ign carriers to lift their cargo, but here they claim they faced another

RI's handling fees are "extremely" high which makes it as expensive or even more to deal with another airline, according to one of the exporters whose claim was supported by some RI officials.

"The rates are very prohibitive," according to an airport official who preferred anonymity. In the past, he explained, RI did not have that many exports from Jordan so it made it expensive for exporters to deal with other airlines or charters. "RI has a monopoly on handling aircraft land-

Another airport official said that even if a foreign carrier was able to offer lower freight rates and RJ had space, RJ would be given priority and the foreign cargo charter would not be given landing rights. This could not be verified by RJ officials.

Exporters and officials say that a solution to the problem is for RJ to lower its handling charges and allow foreign carriers to lift Jordanian

goods since there is such a great demand for cargo space.

Handling rates are determined solely by RJ and some RJ as well as other airline officials privately charge that Amman is "one of the most

expensive airports in the world." But, Khaldi rejected the charge and said: "Amman airport is still cheaper than most European air-ports." He cited some figures to support his argument, Comparative rates were not immediately available

to the Jordan Times.
But other RJ officials pointed out that the airline was in a period of transition in an effort to cut losses and artreamline operations. "No one ke forget what RI Jordanian exporters," said one offi-cial. "The airline used to locate mar-kets for Jordanian exports, marketed their produce, and gave them subsi-dised rates," he said.

But past achievements do not

please everyone.

"I do appreciate RI's role but now they basically have pulled the rug from under us," said an exporter. "I have to export at a loss with RJ and even then they can't take all my produce. I looked for an alternative with another carrier, and J find that RJ has also made it 'financially impossible'," he added. "We are all very upset."

Industry sources assert that since the issue is fundamental and the arithm is council by the convenient

airline is owned by the government there are two ways to settle the dispute. First, the prime minister could intervene and mediate the dispute. Second, the airline could boost its own marketing strategy in Europe and increase high-yield cargo trans-portation to make up for a lower freight rate for Jordanian produce.

eman Financial Market trading

AMMAN (J.T.) — The following table summatises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market starting Saturday Oct. 14, '89 and ending Wednesday Oct. 18, '89. (Figures in Jordanian dinars).							
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Ivory Coast pins hope on 'white gold'

BOUAKE (R) — Ivory Coast's economy, weakened by low tocon and coffee prices, is hanging by a thread — a thread spun partly from "white gold".

Cotton is becoming increasingly important as a source of export revenue in many parts of West Africa and a vital source of extra cash for farmers.

"Today, on average, cotton puts between 22 and 25 billioo CFA francs (\$69 and \$78 million) into the pockets of the peasants in the oorth," Ivorian Agriculture Minister Denis Bra Kanoo told Reuters.

Touring the country to prepare for the new coffee and cocoa seasoo. Bra Kanoo said it was dangerous for Ivory Coast's economy to rely on these two key

Other crops exist, ootably cereals, but they don't bring in enough money," he said. "That's why the peasants call cottoo white gold'."

Ivory Coast is West Africa's biggest cottoo producer, although still small by world standards, with 1988-89 output estimated at a record 300,000 tonnes. It vies with Zimbabwe to be Africa's third largest producer, behind Egypt and Sudan.

About half of Ivory Coast's export earnings last year came from coffee and cocoa, but prices for both have falleo sharply. Cotton, which accounted for four per ceot of exports, has known its

Bra Kanon said prices last year of 350 CFA francs (\$1.10) a kilogramme were only half what

own crisis.

they were in 1984.
"Now they are a little more than 500 francs (\$1.56) ... Ivory Coast has significant potential capacity to develop this crop if the price improves," he said.

"We coold easily produce 350,000 tonnes or 400,000 tonnes if we wanted, but we slowed thiogs down because export prices were bad," Bra Kanon

"The important thing is that yields 10 years ago were about half a tonne a bectare and they are now an average of one and a half tounes," he noted.

Konan Kouakoo depends on cottoo more than most. He is ooe of the biggest planters around the central city of Bouake — cotton capital and second largest town of Ivory Coast.

Kouakou's 17 children held tend his plantation, harvesting by hand while he works at nearby

Gonfreville, the country's larges t and oldest textile factory.

"We produced about five ton; oes last year and might makes about 800,000 CFA francis (\$2,500) a year from the planta tion after deducting expenses to r fertilisers and so on," Kovakov's son Kousassi said.

Average per capita income it's Ivory Coast is \$740 a year, according to the World Bank. Foreign debt is around \$14.2 bil lion, among the highest per capit; a in the world.

Konan Bledou, mayor of Bouake, says the city of 500,0001 people would not have prospered i without cotton.

"Bouake owes its industrial de velopment to Gonfreville which was the first cotton factory and its still the most important today,

"Cotton brings a substantia amount of money to growers; World markets are low it's true but the crisis can be eased be cause we ourselves are big con-sumers of cotton," he added.

Gonfreville is one of the cour try's four big textile plants. Thesic normally use 20 to 25 per cent c if Ivorian cotton fibre output which

88. The rest is exported to Ешторе.

Gonfreville's general manager Claude Trescol said his factory uses up to 8,500 tonnes of cotton a year, turning out everything from brassieres to bolts of cloth and military fatigues.

The company has fallen on hard times because of competition from abroad, "We hope revenue this year will be the same as 1985, that is 27 billion CFA francs (\$84 million)," Trescot

Gonfreville's revenue in 1988 was 23 billion francs (\$72 million), compared with 24 billion (\$75 million) in 1987.

"We're in a difficult competitive situation that is threaten employment at Gonfreville ... imports come from everywhere. even China," Trescol said.

For Bra Kanon, however, cotton is providing hope for Ivory Coast's future.

"It's a crop we're going to encourage more," be said. "Ivorian cottoo has made great progress and is more and more in demand oo world markets, but we can still improve quality."

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Abu Dhabi upgrades refineries

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Abu Dhabi has been quietly moving to upgrade the capacity of its two oil refineries by more than 30 per cent and a deadline for tenders will end this month, oil industry sources have disclosed. The Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. has received bids from several international companies and winners will be announced in November, when the unpublished project will be immediatly implemented, a sources said. Abu Dhabi is the largest oil-producing emirate of the seven in the United Arab Emirates, which is a member state of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Abu Dhabi's refineries, with a current capacity of 180,000 barrels a day, will be boosted by 70,000 barrels a day, the sources reported. The Umm Al Nar refinery, the oldest in Abu Dhabi, was established in 1976 with a capacity of 15,000 barrels a day. That was upgraded to 60,000 barrels in 1984. The Al Ruwais refinery has a production capacity of 120,000 barrels a day. It was opened in 1981 as the first stage of a petrochemical complex

Bond Corp announces huge loss

SYDNEY (R) — Alan Bond's flagship company Bond Corporation has announced the largest loss in Australia corporate history. Bond Corp said it suffered a net loss of 814 million dollars (\$610 million) in the year to June 30, after making a net profit of 355 million (\$266 million) the previous year.

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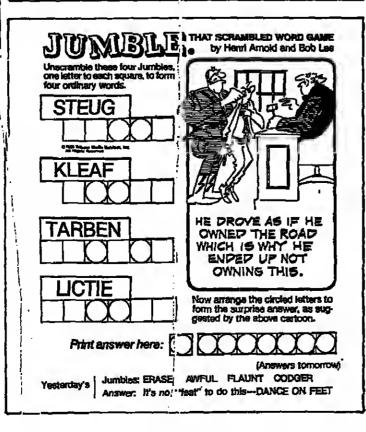
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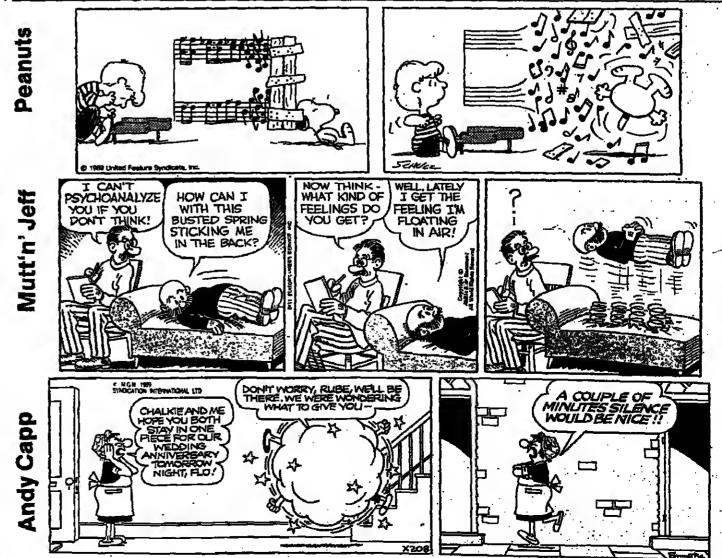
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:GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Soviet women sweep all-around individual titles

STUTTGART (AP) — Svetlana vanit, shutting out all hopes for Boginskaya finished with two the Romanian, who had still one "A true champion has great the Romanian". perfect scores Friday to win the all-around title at the world gymnastics championships, and Natalia Laschenova and Olga Strageva followed for a Soviet sweep.

With the victory, the Soviet Union has won all team and all-around individual titles at the championships.
Holding a slender lead over

veteran Daniela Silivas, the tall, elegant Boginskaya, 16, finished the duel with a flawless ten on the

A dispirited Silivas could not hold her own in the final routine. falling off the beam and out of the medals. She finished 12th

Boginskaya scored 39.900 out with 39.774.

"It has not sunk it yet and I still do not feel like a champion," said

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1989

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until late afternoon you can have quite a difficult time trying to get others to go along with your plan of action. They don't have a better idea to offer but they will be reinctant to move forward till later

ARIES: (March 20 to April 17) You feel you should get more income for the business in which you engage. Take a practical trip now with two close friends and

TAURUS: (April 18 to May 19) Help your family to get your home in the pink of condition. Answer calmly now all questions that are now asked you by your attach-

GEMINE: (May 20 to June 20) Nitpicking at home can be annoying but will produce good results. Driving carefully with a good friend is a must at this time. MOON CHILDREN: (June 21 to July 21) Some group activity at your home can produce good resuits. But willing to compromise with your family in practical mat-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) A friend will have some very good practical suggestions for yon. Don't rile a woman who comes into your home or there will be considerable friction.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 21) You can now make some important new friendly contacts. Being too preoccupied with details now would lose you some money. LIBRA: (September 22 to October 22) Make a point to see just those friends you especially like today. You will enjoy doing duties at

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THE Daily Crossword by Sidney L. Robbins

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of 40 points, ahead of Laschenova, who also finished with two tens, with 39.862, and Strageva

the sport.

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

home only if you are very conscien SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Try to get your home now as you would like it to he for some time to come. Younger persons can be the best means for having a good time socially.

> SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 20) You can easily improve and make conditions happier at your home now. Socially, be in as much group activity as is possible

CAPRICORN: (December 21 to January 18) Closet yourself with as many experts connected with your business as possible. Be tactful and you can get your loved one to do

AQUARIUS: (January 19 to February 17) Invite business or financial persons you want to know better into your home now and make your attachment more a part of your property arrangements.

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Today's child: If your child were born today he or she will be one of those types of children who will quickly adjust to this modern Jet Age. Only activities of a modern nature will appeal to this progeny who will become involved with all sorts of interesting individuals, of all ages and interest. World travel to off beat places will bring them in contact with the unusual

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character," coach Alexander Alexandrov said.

Boginskaya, the European champion, and the Romanian veteran were level half-way through the competition, and provided a thrilling finish.

It was the second consecutive intense battle between the two. In May, Boginskaya won the European title over Silivas by the smallest margin in the history of

This time, Silivas left the platform red-eyed because of another

Boginskaya put on the charm during her floor routine, some-thing the more-straightforward

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Liverpool toppled from top

LONDON (R) — Liverpool top-pled from the top of the English soccer first division Saturday when they crashed 4-1 at Southampsuccessfully throughout her tion in their first league defeat of the season.

Silivas has been striving for un-

The lanky Boginskaya display-

ed a perfect mix of sensual danc-

ing and powerful jumping. Run-

ning her hands along her body

and swaying her hips to the beat,

The rontine epitomized a

strategy of making Soviet gymnastics more feminine that Alex-

androv has used to win the team

Laschenova scored a ten on the

vault to move up and secured the

silver with another perfect score

tacular acrobatics.

and individual title.

on the uneven bar.

could not have held more.

West led the top of his heart se

quence, and declarer's problem was obvious. He had 11 fast winners,

and the only way to develop a 12th

was via a spade finesse. However, the finesse could be taken either

way. To help him make an educated

guess, declarer set about learning as

much as possible about the hand.

The key play came at the very first trick. Since there was no way to

avoid losing a heart trick, declare

allowed West's queen to win. He

won the heart continuation with the

king, then cashed four diamonds, noting that West had started with

three cards in the suit. Next came three rounds of chubs, and West fol-

lowed to all of those. Finally, he

cashed the ace of hearts and when

Bast discarded the 13th chih. West

became marked with five hearts.

Thus, West's original 13 cards were known. He had started with

exactly two spades, so East original

ly had five spades. Since that made

East a 5-to-2 favorite to hold the

spade queen, declarer cashed the ace

of spades and confidently, and suc-

cessfully, finessed the jack of spades

to land his slam.

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career.

Everton jumped from fourth place to first in the table with a 3-0 win over champions Arsenal as Liverpool's month-long grip on the leadership was blown apart on the storm-lashed south coast. she impressed the judges enough to overcome a slight lack of spec-Two goals from winger Rodney Wallace and others from Paul

Rideout and Matthew Le Tissier swept Liverpool aside in convincing fashion as Sonthampton hauled themselves into third place in the standings. Rideout began the rout in the

25th minute, heading home at the near post minutes after watching his raking drive cannon off the crossbar. When Wallace struck either

side of halftime, Southampton's triumph — which stretched their unbeaten run to nine matches —

looked assur d. England siriker Peter Beardsley netted a penalty on the hour to offer the hint of a Liverpool revival but Le Tissier completed an emphatic victory with a fourth goal six minutes from time.

High-flying Norwich, who began the day the only other unbeaten side in the first division and were seeking to record a fifth clean sheet in away matches, also crashed 4-1 at Luton.

Everton had former Chelsea winger Pat Nevin to thank for steering them back to the top. He struck twice as Arsenal were overrun in a thrilling tussle which left Everton top with 19 points

from 10 games, a point clear of Liverpool, Southampton and fourth-placed Chelsea.

Two first half goals from England striker Gary Lineker put Tottenham on the road to a 3-0 victory over bottom-of-the-table Sheffield Wednesday — their fourth league win in succession.

Krickstein upsets Edberg, faces Steeb in Seiko final

TOKYO (AP) — American Aaron Krickstein struggled through 2½ hours of play and two tiebreaks Saturday to upset topseeded Stefen Edberg in the semifinals of the Seiko super ten-

nis tournament. Krickstein, the third seed, edged Edberg in a 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3) victory on the indoor carpet at Yoyogi National Sta-

In Sunday's final, Krickstein will meet fifth-seeded Carl-Uwe Steeb of West Germany, who beat Darren Cahill of Australia 6-4, 6-4 in another semifinal

The singles winner will receive \$100,000 and the runner-np

Edberg, ranked third in the world, won the second game of the first set without losing a point and broke Krickstein's service in the next game at love.

Edberg also broke in the fifth and seventh games, while dropping his service in the sixth game.

In the second set, Krickstein made it through four deuces before holding serve in the first

In the 12th game, Krickstein found his rhythm, and with good service returns fought through four deuces to break Edberg's serve to pull even at 6-6 and force tiebreaker.

Edberg's shots became more erratic, frequently hitting the net, whiel Krickstein became aggressive, with nice passing shots and service returns, to win the tieb-

In the third set, Edberg umped out to a 5-2 lead before Krickstein took the next three games to even the score. Both players then held their services to set up another tiebreak.

Again Edberg became erratic, hitting into the net or sending the ball wide, while Krickstein gained points with a lob, a passing shot and a cross-court winner to wrap up the game.

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Britain blocks Commonwealth sanctions against S. Africa

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Britain Saturday accused Commonwealth nations of being "wrong-headed" as the 49-nation summit finalised a new strategy for increasing financial pressure on

But British Foreign Secretary John Major said the Commonwealth had recognised for the first time that sanctions should not be punitive and should be scaled down if the white-led government delivers on promises of

In a separate development, the Commonwealth summit issued a declaration on the environment which, in a victory for the developed nations, failed to lend outright support to an Indian demand that it establish a new environmental fund.

Major said the draft communique on South Africa reflected a carrot and stick" approach.

"(It) is a novel recognition that change is beginning, that change is welcome and that... we do not wish to hand a broken-backed economy over to a new South

Africa in due course," Major said in an interview with the British Broadcasting Corp.

The draft was drawn up after a 10-nation foreign ministers' committee — including Britain argued into the early hours of the mornning Saturday in what di-plomatic sources called "robust"

While the dispute continued, the outcome appeared likely to reflect the first signs of consensus on a policy toward South Africa by the association of Britain and its former colonies.

Commonwealth leaders debated the South Africa draft Saturday during a weekend retreat at Langkawi, a luxury resort island 350 kilometres northwest of Kuala Lumpur, midway through the weeklong summit. Malaysian officials said the fin-

al communique would be issued

Diplomatic sources said the draft incorporated the essence of a five-point Australian plan stipulating that the Commonwealth will try to squeeze South Africa's foreign loans and trade credits.

The draft, the sources said, also stipulates that a reappointed committee of eight foreign ministers, which has monitored sanctions for the past two years, will meet next April to examine how far the South African government has moved toward reform.

Britain dissented both on the attempt to tighten financial sanctions now and on the reappointment of the Foreign Ministers' Committee, with its suggestion of an informal deadline for reforms more sanctions. British sources labelled the

committee a "talking shop," and said it was "not balanced." The committee, now expanded

to nine including submit host Malaysia, is chaired by Canada and includes four of Pretoria's most hostile critics, the black African nations of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Nigeria and Tanzania. Britain joined the group Knala Lumpur to draft the South African Committee. But it refuses to become a permanent member of the committee, first appointed at a Commonwealth mmit in Vancouver in 1987.

Oneen leaves Malaysia

Meanwhile Britain's Queen Elizabeth II left for home Saturday after a four-day state visit to Malaysia during the Commonwealth summit.

The queen visited Malaysia on Oct. 14-18. She met with Malaysia's Yang 'Di-Pertuan Agong (King) Sultan Raja Azlan Shah and toured the northern Malaysian towns of Ipoh, Lumut and Kuala Kangsar.

She was present for the weeklong biennial summit meeting of Britain and its former colonies. The Commonwealth members, who acknowledge the queen as a

Sir Anthony Quayle, whose career included powerful porsymbolic head, were received by her and given a banquet.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdul trayals of soldiers on screen and Shakespearean roles on stage, Ghafar Baba bid farewell to died Friday. He was 76. Queen Elizabeth at the airport. The burly actor dies peacefully in bed at his London home with

Anthony Quayle

Actor

Anthony

LONDON (R) — British actor

his American-born wife Dorothy

at his side, agent Laurence Evans said. He had been suffering from

Quayle first appeared on stage

in Britain in 1931 and served from

1949 to 1956 as the director of the

Shakespeare Memorial Theatre

in Stratford-Upon-Avon, where

he recruited young actors such as

Richard Burton and Laurence

"He played all the classical

roles that you can think of. He

had a very long and distinguished

career," Evans said. "He was in

the same category as (Laurence) Olivier, (Ralph) Richardson and (John) Gielgad." But Quayle was better known

to foreign audiences for his roles

in such films as Lawrence of Arabia, Ice Cold in Alex, the

Guns of Navarone, the Battle of

His portrayal of steel-nerved

soldiers was more than an act. During World War II, he gave up

a desk job in the British colony of

man lines with Albanian parti-

Quayle

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U.S. praises Warsaw Pact proposal on inspection

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department has praised a proposal by the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact on military inspections in Europe and said it was similar to a plan suggested by NATO. But at least two major differences have surfaced over suggestions for reductions in troops and

The Soviets and their allies called for limits on military budgets and a freeze on modernising military airfields and bases, said U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The officials said it was virtually impossible to make accurate comparisons between East and West military spending. They also said the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation needs flexibility in improving its installations. One example is the current restructuring at a base in Italy in order to deploy F16 jet fighter planes being transffered from Spain. "You don't want to find yourself down the road with your physical plants run down," one of

the U.S. officials said. The Warsaw Pact's acceptance of the U.S. proposal for perma-nent inspections of military in-stallations, including key transit points, could cause friction within NATO ranks. Two key members, Britain and

France, are opposed to the concept as promoted by the United States and now the Soviet Union. Negotiations among 23 nations in Vienna are designed to reduce troops, tanks, artillery and other

non-nnclear weapons across Enrope.

The warm U.S. reaction to the East's proposal is expected to give arms control initiatives a boost. One major issue awaiting set-

tlement is how to verify current levels of troops and weapons and subsequent reductions under a treaty President George Bush has predicted would be completed by

Bush called for a ceiling of 275,000 on U.S. and Soviet troops in the area. NATO also proposed last summer that the two alliances be limited to 20,000 tanks, 16,500 artillery and 3,800 The Warsaw Pact has not

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has indicated he favours across-the-board reductions in the non-nuclear armaments deployed by both East and West.

The pact called for permanent inspection of military facilities, including transit points, shortnotice, random checks that could not be blocked; and restraints on

offered a formal response, but

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler, reacting to the Warsaw Pact position, said, "the East proposals on verification appear to be based on the concepts that NATO presented. We are pleased that the Warsaw Pact approach to verification appears to parallel that of NATO."

2nd Soviet plane crashes in 3 days, killing 17

Hynshin-76 transport plane slam-med into a mountain in the southern Republic of Armenia, killing all 17 people aboard, in the second crash in three days involving that type of aircraft.

Soviet television said Friday the aircraft was carrying building materials from the Volga city of Ulyanovsk to Leninakan, Armenia's second largest city, which

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — The ruling Sandinista Front filed

a complaint accusing contra re-

bels of demanding at gunpoint that peasants vote for the opposi-

tion in February general elec-tions, electoral authorities have

A spokesman for the United

National Opposition, or UNO,

the main opposition coalition,

called the allegation a propagan-da manoeuvre but said it would

The Supreme Electoral Coun-

cil will conduct an investigation of

the accusations in all the places

where the incidents are said to

have happened," council spokes-

Bayardo Arce, the Sandinista

woman Ileana Mairena said.

National Liberation Front cam-

be investigated.

was devastated by last December's earthquake.

The plane, a workhorse in the Soviet transport fleet, crashed at 1.32 a.m. just 18 kilometres short of the airport. The government daily Izvestia said seven crew members, three trainee crew members and seven passengers

No reason was given for the accident and a government com-

rebels are using "armed actions, intimidating and threatening

peasants in war zones so that they will register and vote for UNO,"

the Sandinista newspaper Barri-

registered the first three Sundays

this month to vote in the Feb. 25.

1990, elections. The last day of

Thursday rebels had stopped

buses, robbed passengers and

urged them to vote for UNO

presidential candidate Violeta

Barrios de Chamorro. She is the

main opposition to President

Daniel Ortega, who is running for

The complaint, according to

A Defence Ministry source said

registration is this Sunday.

About 1.3 million Nicaraguans

cada said.

re-election.

Contras accused of disrupting voter registration

paign chief, told the council that Barricada, said incidents had rebels are using "armed actions, occurred in 20 towns in nine

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

mission was set up to investigate. On Wednesday, an Hyushin-76 carrying troops in the Republic of Azerbaijan plunged into the Cas-pian Sea, killing all 57 people on board.

Troops have been sent in increasing numbers to the neighbouring Republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan to deal with increased violence over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Kara-

provinces. They include com-

munities along the Rio Coco, which forms more than half the

At least 15 voter registration

Nicaraguan-Honduran border.

tables have had to be moved to

safer places because of threats

and at least 47 operated irregular-

plaint said a rebel group took over a Protestant Church in the

town of Los Guindos in the

northern province of Nueva

Segovia and urged the congrega-

tion to vote for Mrs. Chamorro.

Other rebels are going house to house threatening to kill anyone who votes for the Sandinistas, it

Barricada's report ou the com-

ly, the complaint said.

died in 20 months of unrest in the region. Izvestia quoted an air force spokesman as saying that one of

the aircraft's engines had caught fire five or six minutes after taking off from a military airfield. The pilot tried to turn back,

but the plane plunged into the water five or six kilometres from the airfield.

bakh. At least 120 people have

Jose Antonio Acuna, president

of a council regional office, said

Luis Sanchez Sancho of the

Socialist Party, the opposition spokesman, said UNO would in-

vestigate the allegation "because

that situation burts us because it

creates a climate of mistrust that

only favours the Sandinistas."

bit of danger about it, you'd better create it. If life hands you that danger, accept it gratefully," he once told an interviewer.

Thousand Days.

2 more await extradition as blast injures 6 Colombians

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) -Two suspected drug traffickers have been brought to the capital for extradition to the United States, and a car bomb explosion blamed on cocaine-smuggling cartels has seriously injured six

The second secon

Police said in an official communique Friday that Nelson Cuevas Ramirez, 55, captured in Cartagena Thursday, was wanted by a U.S. court on charges of possessing cocaine and conspiring to sell it.

Cuevas Ramirez declared his mnocence late Friday before reporters at a Bogota police station. "I am a legitimate businessman and have a clear conscience," he said shortly after his transfer to

the capital. Authorities said they had initiated extradition proceedings against Cuevas Ramirez and another drug trafficking suspect, Robert James Sokolowski Salah, captured Thursday near the port city of Barranquilla. Sokolowski, also wanted by the United States on drug charges, was being held at a Bogota jail.

The U.S. Justice Department

said that Sokolowski's real name was Robert Sokol Jr. and that a federal court in Greensboro, North Carolina, had charged him in 1984 with conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

A department spokesman, Daniel Eramian, said that Sokol was born in Colombia but was believed to hold both U.S. and Colombian passports.

Sokol was arrested at the Cerrejon Coal Mine, in the Guajira peninsula north east of Barranquilla. He was found in the and injuring 201.

offices of intercor, a U.S. company involved with a Colombian firm in a multibilition-dollar coal mining venture. The national radio chain Cara-

col said the suspect had been working for Intercor, but police did not confirm the report.

Since launching an anti-drug crusade Aug. 19, one day after the assassination of a leading presidential candidate, the gov ernment of President Virgilio Barco already has extradited four suspected traffickers to the United States.

The country's powerful cocaine smugglers have reacted to the extraditions with a wave of bombings and killings nationwide. The latest explosion blamed on traffickers rocked a hotel in Barranquilla Friday, seriously injuring five employees and one Colombian guest Authorities said they arrested

one of two suspects who parked a subcompact Renault car packed with some 45 kilogrammes of dynamite near the Royal Hotel shortly before the vehicle ex-

Police identified the suspect as Jose Arena Ramirez, 24. An army general said he apparently was working for drug traffickers.
"I believe that traffickers are

responsible for the bombing," said Gen. Juan Salcedo Lora, the commander of the brigade based in the city. He spoke in a live radio interview broadcast by

Authorities have blamed traffickers for many of the 165 blasts that have shaken Colombia in recent months, killing 16 people

COLUMN

Tower of Pisa to remain open

PISA, Italy (AP) — A city offi-cial has vowed to keep the leaning tower open to the public despite a scientific committee's conclusion that Pisa's most famous monument could collanse. The committee appointed by Italy's Public Works Ministry said that the tower, which has been leaning for 800 years, tilts more each year and is sensitive to seismic activity, wind and variations in the water table. The scientists also said some of the stone work is crumbling and pieces of stone have fallen off. They recommended that for reasons of public safety, officials should consider immediately closing the tower. "It would be opportune to know on what the scientific committee based its conclusions," said Giuseppe Toniolo, the chairman of a city committee responsible for the preservation of the tower. "I will keep the tower open until I am forced to close it," Toniolo vowed. Toniolo, who said earlier this month that there was no cause for alarm with the tower, added that he was surprised that he heard about the recommendations through the Italian News Agency AGI and not through official channels.

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Antarctic conference reaches compromise Britain and the United States PARIS (R) — An international

conference on Antarctica has come up with a last-minute compromise on the idea of declaring the ice continent a wilderness the River Plate and Anne of a Supporters and opponents of

the plan, aimed at protecting Antarctica's fragile environment, both claimed success after delegates said they agreed to mention Gibraltar to fight behind Gerthe park idea in a statement winding up the 12-day meeting.
"At the last minute we

"If life doesn't have that little accepted a reference to a nature reserve," said John Heap, Britain's chief representative at the conference of 39 Antarctic treaty member countries.

had resisted moves by France and Australia to create the wilderness park, the idea of which pitted hardline conservationists against others wishing to leave the way open for controlled mining. "I think it's an excellent out-

come," Australia's chief representative Alan Brown told journalists as the text of the declaration went to a full session of the conference for final vetting early Saturday. French officials had earlier cal-

led the meeting a failure, but sounded more optimistic after the compromise.

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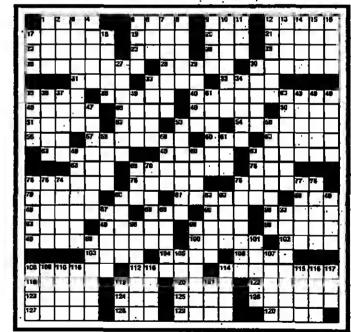
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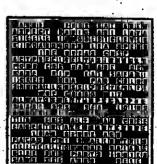
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Typhoon leaves 17 dead in Philippines

MANILA (AP) — Typhoon Elsie headed for China's southern island province of Haman Saturday after killing at least 17 people and leaving more than 60,000 homeless in the northern Philippines, officials said. The Manila Weather Bureau said Elsie was packing winds of 204 kilometres per-hour when it blew ashore Thursday, but had since weakened to 120 kilometres per-hour. If tained its westward course at 17 kilometres per-hour, it would hit Hainan by Monday, said Meteorologist Felio Barto-

China willing to meet Dalai Lama LHASA (R) — China is still willing to meet Tibet's spiritual

leader, the Dalai Lama, to negotiate an end to his exile but on condition he renounces any idea of independence for his homeland, a Chinese official said. Despite an explosion of anti-Chinese protest and the imposition of martial law in Lhasa in March, Peking stood by its offer made last year that it was ready to hold talks anywhere at any time, said Gong Liefu, spokesman for Tibet's regional government. "But the Dalai Lama must recognise that Tibet is an inseparable part of China. That is the

most important question," Gong said in an interview Friday. U.S. shuttle crew makes movie

HOUSTON (R) — The crew of the American space shuttle Atlantis spent part of its work day making a movie, using a special 70mm camera to shoot scenes around the world for a film on the Earth's environment. The movie, which will be called "Blue Planet," is being produced by Toronto-based Imax Systems Corp in cooperation with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and will premiere at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington next September. Some of the scenes filmed from 185 unles (300 km) above Earth Friday included shots of North and South Korea, Japan, Typhoon Elsie in the Sea of Japan and Dallas, Texas. This is the fifth shuttle mission on which Imax footage has been shot.

Ist Indian contingent leaves Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — A first contingent of Indian soldiers left Sri Lanka Friday under the phased withdrawal of the Indian peace keeping force agreed by Colombo and New Delhi in September, military sources said. They said about 1,000 Indian soldiers deployed in the Fastern Appara district left aboard the ship M V deployed in the Eastern Ampara district left aboard the ship M.V. Akbar from the Eastern port of Trincomalee. The sources said at least 25 people were murdered and seven state buildings were damaged in different parts of the island in the 24 hours up to Saturday morning.

KGB plans to cut Soviet border zone

MOSCOW (AP) - The KGB plans to cut the restricted border zones it guards to a tenth of their current size and take down the barbed wire in many areas, top officials of the agency has told a Soviet legislative committee. Border-crossing procedures will also be simplified, TASS said in a report on Friday's session of the new committee that oversees the KGB and the Defence Ministry. Vladimir A. Kryuchkov, chairman of the security service, told the panel there was no reason to maintain such a large border zone, the news agency said. It did not specify the total area of the zone that the 200,000 KGB border guards protect now, or how it will be reduced in the future.

Soldlers charged in artillery accident

FORT SILL, Oklahoma (AP) - The army charged two soldiers with negligent homicide for using too much powder in an artillery round that strayed and killed three soldiers last mouth, officials have said. Sgt. Edward C. Tyler, 26, of Washington, D.C., and Spec. Nickoles W. Holly, 24, of Canton, Ohio, were told Wednesday that they were being charged in military court with negligent homicide and dereliction of duty through negligence, said Sheila Samples, a spokeswoman at Fort Sill. The stray round struck near 80 soldiers on a rifle range outside the target area and injured 24 as well as killing three.